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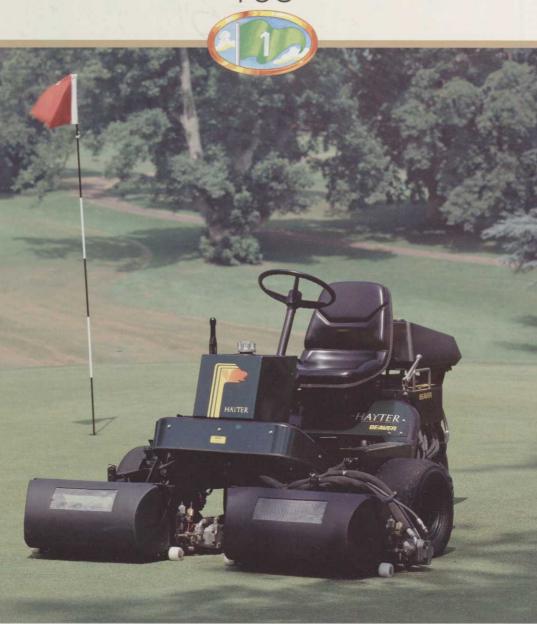
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BIGGA in focus

Communication: making it work

B ack in November I took two sessions with delegates on years three and four of our annual Management Courses. Essentially these sessions were about our Association and in the form of open discussion. As a feedback from the 'grassroots', if you'll excuse the expression, these sessions were invaluable from my personal viewpoint and I hope of benefit to the delegates involved. One area of much discussion was the perennial subject of communication with the membership. There was a very definite emphasis on the need to communicate through the magazine, this quite rightly being seen as the prime means of communication. So the idea of this column was born from a concerted view of the delegates that I should write regularly in the magazine on matters of interest and concern to the membership as well as on future plans and developments. At the beginning of a new year there would seem no better time to start - so here goes!

Having begun on the subject of communication it would seem a good idea to continue with the theme in this first column. This is a subject where the Association is at all levels often prone to criticism. I do not think this is altogether surprising. Communication, to a greater or lesser degree, is a problem in all large organisations and one which must be constantly worked at through all levels of the Association to ensure that information is disseminated and understood and to see that the decision making processes work for the benefit of our members.

In the past communication with the membership was more difficult than it is now. It is often forgotten that it was as recently as 1987 that we operated from one small office within the Sports Turf Research Institute at Bingley. The Association employed just myself and Car-



Neil Thomas, Executive Director of BIGGA, starts his new regular column

oline and we continued that way for some eighteen months until David was appointed as Education Officer and Debbie took on membership services with Samantha replacing Caroline as my personal assistant. This coincided with our move in May of 1989 to Aldwark Manor. In those early days we were busy laying the solid foundations on which members and staff in partnership have built the progressive and professional Association we enjoy today. Let's be honest and say that in those early days with limited personnel and resources, whilst the importance of communication was always recognised it did not enjoy the priority it does today. I can well understand from those early days members criticising Headquarters over lack of communication, criticism which at times was justified and at others not so. It is a criticism which continues even now in varying degrees within the structure of our Association. In defence of Headquarters I really do believe that we have had a particular awareness of this problem area in

the past year and have done much to implement improvements. In this regard the continued development of our public relations function, long recognised as a neglected aspect of the Association's development, is surely contributing to improved communication.

The democratic structure of the Association from Board of Management through Regional Boards to Section Committees will continue to be utilised by Headquarters for the benefit of good communication but the point needs to be made that communication must be upwards as well as downwards from Aldwark Manor. That I regret is not always the case. Again I have spent much time in recent months with limited success to date in encouraging members with queries or concerns to communicate directly with Headquarters whether by letter, telephone or fax. Communication second and third hand can often be frustrating and counter-productive. Your staff are here to help and the systems are now in place to provide information and deal with problems promptly and efficiently. By all means complain if the level of service you are entitled to expect is not forthcoming. Our aim is to set high standards for the benefit of our members and where we are found wanting improvements will be

Constructive criticism of any kind is always welcomed in the interests of taking the Association forward. A valid criticism I feel is the need for staff at Headquarters to have more direct contact at 'grassroots' level and during 1994 our senior management team of Bill, John, Debbie and myself will seek to allocate more of our time 'out in the country' communicating directly with greenkeepers at all levels. It is also high time that we put faces to names and voices and in the coming months, through the pages of 'Greenkeeper International', we will be distinguishing between Sam and Sami and letting you know who your staff are and what they do.

I'll sign off this month with some words written over 400 years ago, but so true today – "The pleasure of criticising takes away from us the pleasure of being moved by some very fine things". Food for thought perhaps.

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THE BIGGA RECOMMENDED MINIMUM SALARY/WAGE SCALE, 1994

The Association has updated its recommended minimum salary/wages scale, although actual figures remain the subject of negotiation between the Golf Club and Greenkeeping staff. Quoted rates apply from 1 January, 1994.

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The First Assistant is a post designed to recognise a third-in-charge where appropriate to the size of the Club. In cases where the First Assistant is the recognised Deputy, the appropriate Deputy Course Manager/Deputy Head Greenkeeper salary scale should apply.

Staff in possession of recognised qualifications should have this reflected in an addition to basic salary.

Faces and places



Wild boar wreaks havoc

So you thought you had problems...

Believe it or not, this is the ninth green of the British Army's Sennelager Golf Club in Germany, where a wild boar has been leaving a trail of devastation.

The four-legged vandal has wreaked continued havoc for two months. Greenkeepers would spend several days putting right the damage, only for the boar to return with renewed vengeance. Each time the wild animal would escape, free to return and run riot again. The eighth green was repaired three times, before a decision was made to leave it until spring.

In desperation, head greenkeeper Colin Baxter enlisted the help of his pals in the Army gun club - but still the terminator with trotters managed to get away.

"I was on tablets to stop me having nightmares," Colin told Greenkeeper International. "When I told my doctor why I was so stressed, dreaming about pigs on my golf course, he just doubled up with laughter. He didn't realise I was being serious."

Colin took to walking alone in the nearby forest, trying to find the animal, or animals. "On reflection, I'm glad I didn't find any. Wild boars are powerful and dangerous and they eat anything. If disturbed they can cause serious injury."

Eventually, an electric fence was erected the full three and a half miles around the golf course and that seems to have solved the problem.

"Time will tell," says Colin, "The problem's been taking its toll on my staff and I really hope it's all over. One of my lads has been eating nothing but bacon sandwiches every meal time.'

Developers seek action in Europe

Clearer guidelines for golf development in Europe, to meet the requirements of the growing environmental lobby, are being drawn up by a high powered team of industry pro-

Management consultants, the Golf Course Wildlife Trust and representatives from all the game's major bodies, have met in a bid to tackle the frustration felt by developers unable to get projects off the ground.



Kubota winner

Ewan Sturrock, newly appointed first assistant at the Buckinghamshire golf course, is the 1993 winner of the Kubota (UK) Cup.

Twenty seven year old Ewan is pictured collecting his prize

from Kubota's Russell Mellor, as best machinery student at Myerscough College. He gained a distinction on the three year full time National Diploma in Turf Science and Sports Ground Management course at the

He was nominated for the award because of his high degree of commitment. He also achieved top marks on his course.

New venture for Hardi

Hardi have been appointed as sole distributor for Greencare International products in the UK and Europe.

Greencare are known in this country for their Coremaster 12 PTO driven, tractor mounted aerator and the Shat-

termaster sub-surface aerator.

The distributorship is a new venture for Hardi, a company well versed in the chemical application sector. It gives them the ability to provide the professional turfcare industry with a much wider product

"The addition of the expanding range of quality products can only strengthen Hardi in our commitment to

turfcare industry across Europe," said Colin Gregory, (pictured) Hardi's managing director.



AS IF TO MARK 25 years of Jack Nicklaus' career as a golf course designer, a record 12 of his courses have been ranked among the 1993 top 100 golf courses in the **United States.** Leading the list of Nicklaus courses is Muirfield Village in Ohio, ranked at number nine. Together with **Robert Trent** Jones and Donald Ross, Jack Nicklaus heads the list of designers with the most golf courses in the top 100.



has joined **Group Chief Executive** Recognising what he sees as "a tough challenge" ahead, Peter said: "I see one of my main tasks as not only defending our position within our existing market place, but also maximising the benefits by opening up new markets. I am confident that we do have something good at Ransomes to fight for."

RICHARD NOBLE appointed managing director of Maxicrop International. He was previously marketing manager with the Corby-based seaweed extract manufacturer.

■ NEIL GRUNDON has been appointed to the board of S Grundon (Waste) Ltd and S Grundon (Services) Ltd. He will have particular responsibility for aggregate extraction and land development. Neil, aged 24, has worked for **Grundon for three**

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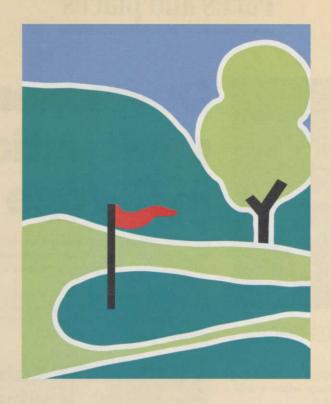
The Elmwood College golf course has come under the scrutiny of Walter Woods BEM, course manager at St Andrews, and John Lindsey, golf manager of St Andrews Links Trust.

Walter and John were visiting Elmwood as advisors, helping the college to develop its greenkeeping courses. For Walter, the visit was part of a long liaison with Elmwood going back some 20



years and he says he is constantly rewarded by seeing former apprentices of the college working on major golf courses around the world.

Greenkeeping section head Carol Borthwick is pictured with John Lindsey, and Walter Woods, right, on the course.



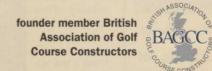
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Greenkeeper wins fight to clear his name

David Hinks, a highly skilled head greenkeeper with over 27 years experience in the art of fine turfgrass care, celebrated with champagne following successful action taken against Hayling Golf Club, his former employers, at a recent industrial tribunal. In publishing David's account of this miserable affair, he suggests it may serve to inspire other greenkeepers into action, especially those who feel they may have been dismissed summarily without good and proper cause. His account also serves to highlight the huge problems that can occur when those with scant knowledge, committee men in particular, get it into their collective heads to discount the advice of their head greenkeeper and perform as surrogate greenkeepers, plus swallowing as gospel every utterance issued by an outsider - an explosive double

he links course at Hayling Island, five miles south of Havant in Hampshire, is situated among the dunes, offering delightful seascapes and grand views toward the Isle of Wight. The predominant soil structure is natural free-draining sand and gravel. The course was revised by Tom Simpson some time before

David Hinks, head greenkeeper at Hayling for nearly ten years, was dismissed during August 1992 on grounds of gross misconduct, the dismissal coming without warning and without clearly defined specific reasons. The 'incident' for which he was held responsible, damage which had occurred some five weeks previously, was to two greens on which a programme of intense scarification had taken place, a policy carried out against David's good judgement and wishes, though insisted upon by the committee as forming part of an 'agronomic advisory' policy.

The policy work had taken place periodically over a span of some six years, to the detriment of the greens generally and to two greens specifically. Though David reported his concern, learning also that his pessimism had been endorsed by an independent specialist, these views were overruled by the committee and the club's 'agronomic advisor', the committee's insistence being that he continue with the policy pro-

In David's own words, "Thus I was held totally responsible for a failing of practices that I never agreed with and (without conceit) which I had predicted confidently were bound to fail - unfortunately, my predictions came true.

"A group of members (as is their democratic right) lent their names to a 'letter of concern' regarding the two damaged greens, plus other factors that were directly a result and consequence of, in my opinion, a policy of dubious agronomic substance.

"The hierarchy of the club then seemingly acted in direct opposition to the interests of the course, the staff, and rank and file club members, though the latter should be praised for their tolerance of such long drawn-out disturbances, as also should some enlightened members of green committees, both in the past



David Hinks and his wife Vicki: justice was upheld

and at the time, who did their best to bridge the rivers of animosity and belligerence that others chose to flood upon them.

"If all this was not enough, my dismissal was carried out with an apparent lack of knowledge for employment law and procedure; somewhat surprisingly, as the person set with carrying out this task practices in this field in a professional capacity.

"To summarise, Hayling members lose out because they do not have the course they deserve, plus bearing the not inconsiderable costs of seven years of what was (and remains), in my view, totally unsuitable agronomic advice. In addition, the poor club members bear all the legal costs accumulated in resolving my

"I lose out also, because I've had to wait nearly 15 months to clear my good name and reputation, thus making it nigh on impossible to secure another post. Additionally, a point that depresses me, any greenkeeper succeeding me is left with a terrible legacy, the last thing any thoughtful and caring greenkeeper would ever wish to enact.

"Since the beginning of this miserable chapter, with such a shadow hanging over my technical skills and ability, I have been restricted in choice of work and have become self-employed (still as a greenkeeper), involved in course construction and maintenance.

"Clearly, I could not have held out for so long had I not been a member of BIGGA, entitled to the excellent insurance cover that comes automatically with membership. Thus a very big vote of thanks to my friends, folk who supported my action, especially those who took the time and trouble to read my very detailed case history and who then prepared factual reports.

"In conclusion, a vote of thanks to my solicitor, who took on the case at short notice after my first attempt at gaining legal advice failed, and to my dear wife Vicki, for without her love and support I would have found it almost impossible to win through and see jus-

■ David Hinks took his case to industrial tribunal in March, claiming he was wrongfully dismissed. The hearing was adjourned until November 1, when the club avoided reappearing by offering a cash settlement of £7000. He was also offered an ex-gratia payment of £2700 when he was fired.

Concern over new turf standards

Turf growers Rolawn has joined the debate over turf accreditation and quality standards.

Terry Ryan, Rolawn's sales and marketing director, says he speaks from his company's position as Europe's largest turf producer in taking a firm stance to maintain high standards. "We want to ensure that any proposed standards are up to the highest levels of quality and not drawn so broadly that they become meaningless and thereby self defeating by letting the 'almost good enoughs' through," he said.

"Our principle concern is that we have no wish to see a fall in quality standards, which is a real possibility unless the utmost care is taken "

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New man at GCSAA

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) has a new executive director. He is Steve Mona, aged 36, and he replaces John Schilling who has left to start his own business.



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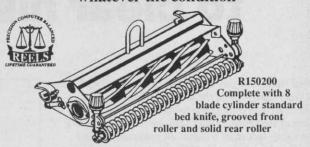
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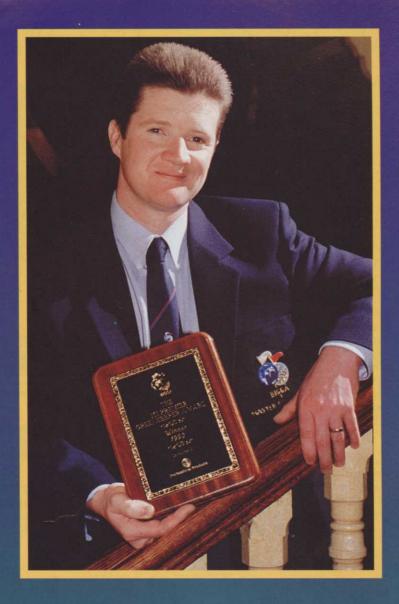
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It's got to be Gordon

Tim Moat reports on a fitting end to a magnificent year for Gordon Irvine

he new ICI Premier Greenkeeper is Gordon Irvine.

The award, acknowledged to be the most prestigious in greenkeeping, was a fitting end to a year of achievement for Gordon, course manager at Mill Ride Golf Club in Berkshire.

Last January, the 29 year old Scot became the youngest ever Master Greenkeeper. He was awarded his plaque by the Duke of York, who asked

for his help in sorting out some troublesome private lawns. Two or three trips to the Duke's private residence and lengthy discussions on the art of fine turf maintenance gave Gordon a rare insight into royalty. It was also an opportunity for "a spot

GREENKEEPER OF THE YEAR







of excellent public relations for BIGGA," he

Gordon's achievements continued in 1993 with the birth of his daughter, Samantha Louise and reached another high spot in elegant surroundings at Aldwark Manor

in December.

All in all, it was quite a year for Gordon Irvine. He has accomplished more than many greenkeepers could ever wish for and now the award of all awards - "Greenkeeper of the Year" - is

It was the word "remarkable" that Roger Mossop, marketing manager of ICI Professional Products, used to sum up Gordon's talents when he handed

over the prized plaque: "I hope this is a stepping stone to even greater things," he said at the awards ceremony, "and not a culmination. The 1993 ICI Premier Greenkeeper of the Year is Gordon Irvine, a man with a remarkable career in front of him..."

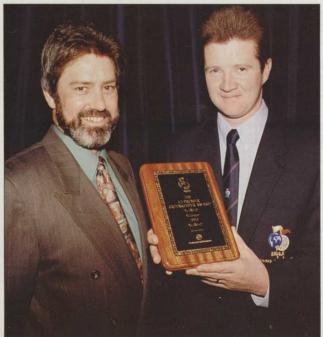
'To have reached even this far was achievement enough'

Roger's speech, plus an impressive banquet, a spot of bowling and a social drink signified the end of a day when five of the country's finest greenkeepers came together for an occasion they will remember for the rest of their lives. To have reached even this this far was achievement enough.

It was, as all judges hasten to add at these times, a hard decision to choose the winner from excellent candidates. In this, the fourth year of the competition, the five finalists had initially been nominated by their peers to become best of their individual BIGGA section, before regional finals went on to yield the famous five who made it to the final. "All candidates possessed the right characteristics and any one could have been the winner," said Roger Mossop who noted that 1993's entry had been the highest ever. The standard had been, he said, "exceptional."

The final hurdle in deciding just who would win the accolade which could be seen as a passport to greater things, was a 45 minute interview conducted by BIGGA's executive director Neil Thomas, BIGGA education subcommittee chairman Huw Parry, and the ICI Professional Products team of Roger Mossop and Richard Minton. Imagine the fear which grips contestants as they approach the spotlighted black chair in the BBC's "Mastermind" programme and, as one of the candidates explained later, that's just what it felt like as the call came for their own big moment.

The interviews themselves were not as onerous as imagined. Every effort was made for the proceedings to be informal but as Graham Wood – the eventual runner-up – pointed out, there was little getting away from the idea that this was like an interview for an important job.



Roger Mossop, Gordon Irvine and the "award which carries so much clout"



Winners all: From left, Terry Huntley, Laughlan Millar, Tony Mears, Graham Wood and Gordon Irvine, with Richard Minton and Roger Mossop from ICI Professional Products

Any one could have been the winner

"You're aware that you're dealing with people who really know what the game is all about,"

But it was an occasion none of the five would have missed. Laughlan Millar, who was eventually placed third, said he saw it as a "great honour" to be considered to be one of the top five greenkeepers in the country. From a family containing some 15 greenkeepers, it was more than section level honour at stake and Roger Mossop paid Laughlan great tribute

as it was revealed that he was one of 11 nominees in his section.

Tony Mears, in the middle of studying two hours a day, five days a week for the Master Greenkeeper Certificate, said encouragement he had received from his club had itself been very "The letter rewarding. was posted on the notice board," he said, "and the reaction was just great. People kept coming up to me to wish me all the best." The interview, said Tony, was "exhilarating."

Terry Huntley was full of praise for BIGGA and ICI Professional Products for giving greenkeepers a "real sense of purpose." He was proud of the lifelong friends he had made through his membership of the Association and was grateful for the way BIGGA continues to "push greenkeepers for ward". Terry, course manager at Ashford Manor Golf Club in Middlesex, said there was a high level of interest in the competition at the club. "They're already cock a hoop I've come this far."

The day, however, belonged to Gordor Irvine who said before the result was announced: "Everybody has to set goals. The Master Greenkeeper Certificate was a private goal and I entered this award to recognise the greenkeeping team and the golf club as well.

"I've got a lot of respect for ICI Professional Products. They're a very professional company and that came across in the interview.

"This award carries so much clout."

Gordon's pivotal role at Mill Ride Golf Club where he started as clerk of works in 1989 finally tipped the balance in his favour for the prestigious title. Gordon has had to cope with the affects of recession to help build the clul and to give it a solid foundation on which to grow. "It was a great challenge to see i though," he said.

It was just the challenge necessary for the judges to see just who was to carry the banne high as ICI Premier Greenkeeper of the Year "Gordon has made great strides at his club, Roger Mossop told the audience at the award ceremony. "He's done everything there plu he's found time for the Master Greenkeepe Certificate and he's an NVQ assessor."

In announcing that for the first time a Sco had won, a humourous voice with a north of the border accent finally broke any tension that may have remained when he piped up from the back, "You've got it right at last!"







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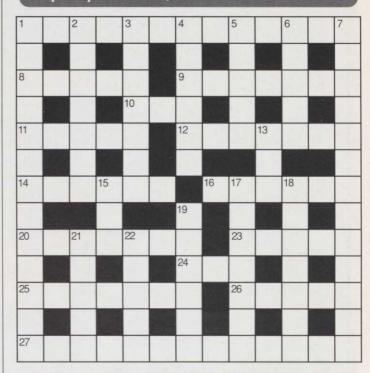
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- 1 Important function of a caddie (4,9)
- 8 A small piece of live wood on a dying fire (5)
- 9 Assign too many workers to a task, the boss perhaps! (7)
- 10 Body responsible for administering men's amateur golf north of the border (1,1,1)
- 11 A type of lifting device (5)
- 12 The quince: (L Oblonga)
- 14 A basic bunker maintenance task (6)
- 16 Withered or drooped (6)
- 20 Cuts out, like tree surgeons perhaps (7)
- 23 Aquatic rodent and pest of South American origin particularly prevalent in East Anglia (5)
- 24 People who know, buy from their (3)
- 25 A compound of alcohol with nitrous acid (7)
- 26 To wet a pump to make it start work (5)
- 27 What generous members may do for their guests (6,3,4)

CLUES DOWN

1 Hole at Old Prestwick known as

- "Sea Headrig" (3,10)
- Old golf club with large round head, equivalent to the modern 8 or 9 iron (7)
- 3 Holing out before one's opponent! (5,2)
- 4 All that is required when putting on fast greens (1,5)
- 5 Surname of golfer known as the Slammer (5)
- 6 John, USPGA tour professional and winner of the 1993 Buick Southern Open (5)
- 7 Royal couple's courses at Gleneagles (4,3,6)
- 13 Essential ingredient of 2 stroke fuel (3)
- 15 UK manufacturer of Verdone Herbicide and Daconil Fungicide (1,1,1)
- 17 No spice is mixed where trees are found (anagram) (2,5)
- 18 Region of Scotland where Carnoustie championship links can be found (3-4)
- 19 Man management is just one of the head greenkeeper's job (6)
- 21 Fade the ball to the flag or commence play at the tenth hole perhaps (3,2)
- 22 Ken, US Ryder Cup player in 1969 (5)

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Phil Helmn: "This club and course are not just for golfers. I'd like people to enjoy the course for other things – essentially it remains a beautiful parkland."

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Aspiring to excellence is one of the secrets of Overstone Park's success. It's a philosophy shared by course manager Phil Helmn

espite the spectre of recession, which has seen off many golf course developments, there is at least one oasis of optimism for new courses in this country.

Overstone Park Golf Club in Northamptonshire opened for play last July, at a time when green shoots of recovery were only thinking of making an appearance. This ambitious project encompasses an 18 hole parkland course, a development of 122 second homes for the golf-obsessed, a health and leisure club and even a 27 acre trout lake, complete with resident "fishing professional."

Donald Steel designed the par 72, 6602 yard course, which is set in 800 acres of picturesque Victorian walled parkland on the eastern outskirts of Northampton. It's a site of notable beauty and Donald took a pragmatic approach to the course design: "My philosophy is to work with the land's resources rather than against them," he said. "The land has many mature trees and an existing lake and it was our aim to make use of these natural features.

"We have tried to produce 18 very individual holes with a lot of variety between them."

Responsibility for the course lies with Phillip Helmn, a course manager with big ambitions. Phil, aged 28, worked at a club in Vero Beach, Florida after leaving Myerscough College, where he was a student for three years. Apart from his diploma with honours, Phil also picked up the Top Turf Student trophy and Top Research Studies trophy along the way.

His route to his present post came via Camberley Heath Golf Club in Surrey, where he was deputy head greenkeeper, and Collingtree Park in Northampton where he was head greenkeeper under course manager Peter Jones.

Phil joined Overstone Park when it was under construction and worked closely with Donald Steel and Brian D Pierson's construction company to grow the golf course in and open it for limited play within six months. It was a hectic half year, which also comprised appointing a full maintenance crew of eight and selecting and buying a stable of the best machinery.

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Top picture: at work on the course at Overstone Park Above: maintenance staff with some of their machinery

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"This club and course are not just for golfers. I'd like people to enjoy the course for other things - essentially it remains a beautiful parkland.'

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Overstone Park staff

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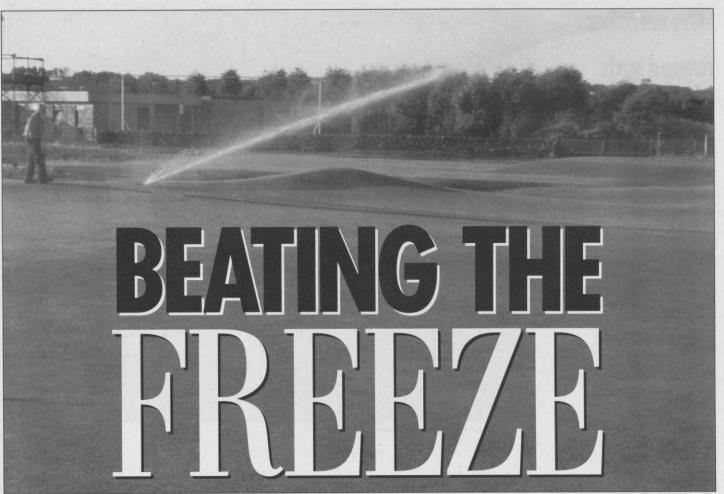
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Early morning blues as Walter Woods surveys the sprinklers at the second green as an attempt is made to clear the last of the rime before play begins

Hosting a big event is never easy and the problems multiply as the weather gets colder. Head greenkeepers

Gordon Moir and Eddie Adams

report from St Andrews

Staging such a prestigious event in Scotland in October is never easy. Normally most greenkeepers are busy making preparations to begin their winter programmes following a season's play with numerous competitions. On the Old Course, after tens of thousands of local and visiting golfers, everything is beginning to look a little tired so when you have professional golfers and a televised tournament, the problems of maintenance and presentation become even harder.

n annual event on the PGA

European Tour circuit is the

Alfred Dunhill Cup at St Andrews

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For this particular event, the vagaries of the Scottish weather plagued the greenstaff more than ever before.

Preparation of The Old Course is an ongoing job, and with golfers travelling from all over the world to play the famous links, local club competitions and companies sponsoring national, Scottish and regional events, the presentation and condition has always to be first class. In preparation for the Dunhill, very little extra is carried out other than extra cutting on the days immediately preceding and during the tournament, with the greens topdressed with a being sand/sterilised mixture at the end of September to help smooth and speed up the surface.

One week prior to the event, torrential rain fell from the Wednesday until the Saturday with 35mm on the Thursday alone (October's total average rainfall!) which severely hampered the preparation work. After two days of dry weather, however, the staff were able to get back to normal.

The first serious headache took place on the Monday morning preceding the event when the greenstaff went out to prepare the course for the first day's practice and discovered that one of The Old Course's three large bunkers, Shell Bunker, had partly collapsed. "The wet weather had undermined the foundation of the revetted face," explained Eddie Adams, head greenkeeper of the Old, "Resulting in the top sinking

three to four feet in the very centre [the face of Shell Bunker measured 15 feet high by 90 feet long]. At such short notice, and with all the other work to attend to, all we could do was bank up the base at the affected area with sand to prevent any further col-

"Fortunately, although Shell is a huge bunker guarding both the 7th and 11th greens it doesn't really come into play for the professionals, but it was disappointing from the presentation point of view.

"Ironically we were due to start rebuilding Shell at the beginning of November in preparation for the 1995 Open.'

With frosts forecast for every morning of the tournament, Walter Woods, Links Supervisor and Eddie Adams decided to cut all the greens, tees and aprons after play as well as in the mornings just in case the morning frosts prevented any cutting at that time of day.

Wednesday arrived, the day of





'The weather caused such disruption that after a day's work the staff were back in the afternoons until after 6pm'



The collapsed face of Shell Bunker

the Pro-Am, and the greenstaff were in before first light to enable them to make final checks on their mowers and to be on site ready to start as soon as they could see, as time was all important.

First tee-off was at 8am and even with 10 staff cutting it takes a considerable time to get the large double greens - averaging 5000 square yards - cut in front of the golf. True to form, however, a light ground frost prevented any cutting taking place. The fact they were not cut did not particularly affect the pace of the greens for the Pro-Am. "They had been double cut on Tuesday morning and cut again on Tuesday afternoon and growth at this time of year has almost stopped," said Eddie.

The greens were cut following play late on Wednesday afternoon with Paladins set at 3/16" and a similar situation developed on Thursday morning, the first day of actual competition.

The golf on the Thursday was not due to start until 9.30am, however by 8.30 there was still a considerable rime on the greens. At around 8.45 it was decided to switch the sprinkler system on for a couple of minutes on the first four greens to try to clear the rime and let the staff get started.

By doubling up the cutters and with help from additional staff from the other courses at St Andrews to switch the greens, staff were able to keep just in front of the first match. Unlike most courses, it is not just a case of cutting 1, 2, 3, 4 etcetera because of the double greens – when the 2nd is cut, the 16th also has to be cut, the 3rd and 15th and so on. On average it takes two men between 25–40 minutes to cut a double green.

"The weather caused such disruption that after a day's work the staff were back in the afternoons until after 6pm," said Eddie. "They excelled in their duties – having to cut the greens in near pitch dark on some occasions."

Friday told a similar story, though not quite so bad, when cutting was able to begin at around 8.15am, but Saturday morning brought a fairly severe frost with the ground remaining hard until well into mid-morning. The start of the golf was delayed from 9 until 12 noon with play

starting from both the 1st and 10th tees. This once again made cutting impossible – in fact it was a struggle to get the holes changed!

The policy of cutting greens in the afternoon was once again to prove beneficial as far as Sunday was concerned – the day dawned with a hard frost. With both the semi-finals and final to be played, golf began at 10am and the Americans clinched the trophy at around 6pm in the gathering darkness.

Despite all the hassles, what did the players make of The Old Course in October? Well such notables as Mark McNulty, Jose-Maria Olazabal, Nick Price and Nick Faldo all thought the greens putted extremely well.

"During the week the greens were cut 12 times at 3/16" with green speeds at the beginning at 8ft and ending at 9ft," said Eddie.

"Although slow compared to what they are used to, both the European Tour and the professionals themselves knew it would be suicide for us to lower the height of cut to increase the speed due to the cold weather.

"It was suggested on the Wednesday that we put on the groomers but I refused to put the greens at risk for a week's golf and an extra foot on the stimpmeter explaining that the speed would increase as the week wore on and that the greens would remain consistent and true.

"Following the event the height is raised to 1/4" but it takes at least 3-4 weeks for the greens to recover and they are only cut once or twice per week. The other main jobs to be tackled are clearing up after the contractors – although through experience this is getting easier every year – and repairing the crowd damage around the perimeter of the course. All traffic routes receive intensive aeration with any areas very badly affected roped off and overseeded in the spring.

"Although it is all a great deal of hard work and hassle the satisfaction of successfully staging such an event and being part of a team including Walter Woods, the staff of the European Tour and the greenstaff at St Andrews all pulling together, makes it all worthwhile."

Left: 9am on Thursday and cutting finally begins.



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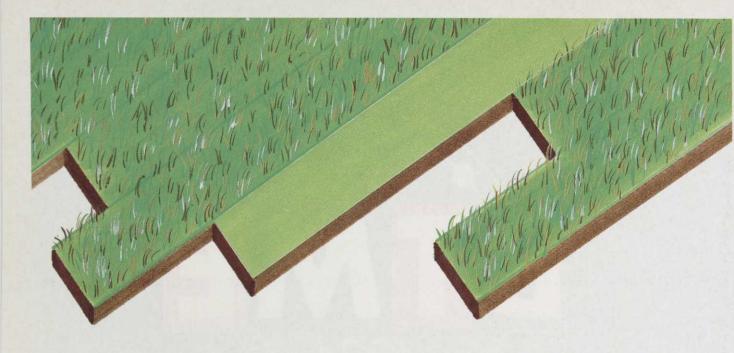
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TROLLIES - DO THEY REALLY DAMAGE OUR **GOLF COURSES?**

Andrew Boyd, Head Greenkeeper, Bridlington Golf Club

BIGGA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

5.15pm at the Old Swan Hotel. Membership cards must be produced.

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8.30pm at the Old Swan Hotel.

Thursday, 20 January 1994

Seminar Programme Session B - Royal Hall

THE GREENKEEPER AND THE RULES OF GOLF

Peter Greenhough, Brough Golf Club

10.00 - 10.30am **TEAMBUILDING**

Derek Keen, Area Golf Course Manager, Tudor Park Hotel Golf & Country Club

11.10 - 11.40am

PROS AND CONS OF BENTGRASS

David Duke, Deputy Course Manager, Wisley Golf Club

11.40 - 12.10pm

THE HISTORY OF GOLF AND GREENKEEPING

lan MacMillan, Course Manager, Balbirnie Park Golf Club

SECOND EUROPEAN FORUM

12-2pm at the Old Swan Hotel. Aimed at ascertaining the needs of greenkeepers throughout Europe. Speakers include Tommy Lindelof from Sweden, Tor Senstad from Norway and Frederick ten Hage from Holland. All international members are invited to attend.

INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS -AMENITY & ECOLOGICAL ENGINEERING GROUP MEETING

2-5pm at The George Hotel. "Golf course engineering from green field to fine turf." Free admission to BTME delegates on production of registration badges.

Seminar Programme Session C - Royal Hall 1.40 - 2.10pm

INITIATION OF THE INNOCENT

Jane Leyland, Reaseheath College

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Tim Lodge, B.Sc., Sports Turf Research Institute

3.20 - 3.50pm

LET'S PUT A POND IN

Mike Sheehan, Golf Course Manager, Mere Golf & Country Club

3.50 - 4.20pm

LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

Tony Smith, Course Manager, Teesside Golf Club

EXHIBITION BANQUET

and cabaret from 'West End Nights', Old Swan Hotel.

Friday, 21 January 1994

Seminar Programme Session D - Royal Hall 10.00 - 10.30am

IS THE GRASS REALLY GREENER IN EUROPE?

Nicholas Davies, Course Manager, Schloss Schwobber

10.30 - 11.00am

ORDNANCE SURVEY - MORE THAN COARSE MAPS

Peter Dickens, Chief Surveyor, Ordnance Survey Office

11.00 - 11.30am

EARTHWORM CONTROL

Stuart Ormondroyd, B.Sc., Sports Turf Research Institute.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The 1994 BTME is even bigger that the record-breaking 1993 event.

Almost a year's worth of work by many people has made it possible for me to make that simple statement and whilst the BTME has certainly caught the imagination of exhibitors and delegates, let no-one assume that the show's organisation happened by itself.

As we look forward to a great week in Harrogate, I want to pay tribute to everyone in BIGGA, especially Louise Lunn, for sterling efforts in achieving what many thought would be impossible – to create a show of even more industry importance than in 1993. Thanks also to the BTME Steering Committee, staff, Board of Management, Regional Administrators, Section Secretaries, everyone in the industry and all the members – thank you for working together to build a brighter future for us all.

New for 1994 is the inclusion of BIGGA's annual general meeting, at 5.15pm on Wednesday 19 January at the Old Swan Hotel, which hopefully will allow more members to participate and make some constructive input. The move to using BTME as a suitable venue for the AGM is specifically designed to gain



wider reponse from a wider spectrum of members. Don't forget, you will need your membership card to gain admission.

The BTME is an occasion to meet up with old friends, make new ones and enjoy a camaraderie unique to our profession and our industry. Exhibitors – as you will read in the following pages – have lined up an almost overwhelming display of equipment and services. Speakers in the seminar programme come from different backgrounds of experience, indeed from different countries, but have come together with the common aim of enriching your job and your life.

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Frank Newberry is a lively and popular trainer with clients all over the UK. He combines down-to-earth knowledge and experience with great energy to provide stimulating and practical presentations.

Frank's talk is about the art of influence and persuasion at work. This topic is a sensitive and difficult one for many people and Frank has said that he is keen to quickly get the right atmosphere in the conference room. He has requested that the doors be closed at 2.10pm sharp on Wednesday and that there be no late admittance or re-entry to the conference hall until he ends his

How to get your own way at work... every time by Frank Newberry is presented at 2.10pm, Wednesday 19 January in the Royal Hall.

John Hacker and David Stansfield combine their talents and experience to present Grasses on the golf course, in the two-day educational workshops.

John Hacker is a consultant agronomist with Professional Sportsturf Design (North West) Ltd. Prior to going into full-time consultancy work, John was senior lecturer at

Myerscough College where he developed the National Diploma in Turf Science and Sports Ground Management. For three years he was examiner for the City & Guilds Phase II Greenkeeping and Sport Ground Management Course.

David Stansfield has been a golf course agronomist since 1978. For many years David was a senior agronomist with the Sports Turf Research Institute and acted as consultant agronomist to the R&A championship courses in England on their behalf.

Grasses on golf courses by John Hacker and David Stansfield, Workshop One, Monday-Tuesday, 17-18 January at the Old Swan Hotel.



With 24 years as a head greenkeeper and ambition to achieve the Master Greenkeeper status. Ian MacMillan is an

ideal candidate to present The History of Golf and Greenkeeping.

The course manager at Balbirnie Park Golf Club started his greenkeeping experience when as a junior member of Cambuslang Golf Club in Glasgow, he was more often to be



found helping the greenstaff than playing golf. lan's been with Balbirnie Park, in Fife, for over ten years and appreciates their support in his quest for knowledge. "Education plays an important part in my life," he says, lan spent five years at Elmwood College and is now back there in the second year of a HNC in golf course management - a qualification he hopes will lead to HND.

The History of Golf and Greenkeeping by Ian MacMillan is presented at 11.40am, Thursday 20 January in the Royal Hall.

Huw Parry has been a member of the BIGGA Education Sub-Committee for three years and Chairman for the past two years.

Huw has been course manager at Bristol and Clifton Golf Club for three years. Previously he was course manager at Caerphilly Golf Club.

As Chairman of BIGGA's Education Sub-Committee, Huw has close involvement with college liaison committees and is a member of the Working Group that has written the new GTC Training Manual.

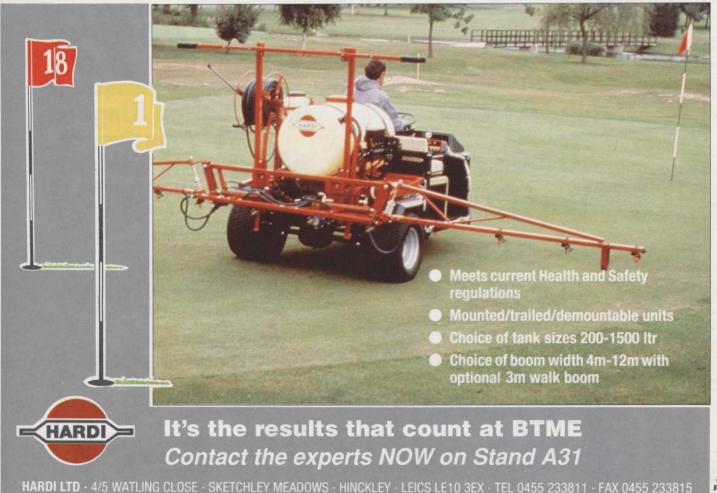
Education has always been a major part of Huw's involvement with BIGGA and his aim is to create excellence in greenkeeping and golf course management through education and training.

Education - where do we go from here? by Huw Parry is presented at 1.40pm, Wednesday 19 January in the Royal Hall.

Stuart Ormondroyd joined the STRI staff as an agronomist in 1982. His advisory work has involved all sports in the regions of Scotland, Wales and the north of England until 1986, when he joined the newly formed golf unit.

For the last seven years Stuart has specialised in advising golf courses in the north of England, the Midlands and Ireland.

Earthworm control by Stuart Ormondroyd is presented at 11am, Friday 21 January at the Royal Hall.



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SPEAKER PROFILES



Jayne Leyland's presentation, Initiation of Innocent is designed to reflect the experiences felt - and sometimes endured -

by those people new to the industry.

Thirty four year old Jayne turned to greenkeeping when it seemed logical to her to combine her two passions of sport and horticulture. She gained a distinction with her National Certificate in Horticulture at Reaseheath College 1992/93.

The subject matter of Jayne's paper is an introduction to the first year of studies for the new BTEC Higher National Diploma in Golf Course Management held at Reaseheath College in Cheshire. Content will include brief details of the relevant theoretical and practical subject areas covered, together with other experiences encountered during the first year - for example, a very rewarding study tour to Scotland.

Initiation of the Innocent by Jayne Leyland is presented at 1.40pm, Thursday 20 January in the Royal



people Terry Buchen, golf course superintendent from Ohio, has worked with make up a veritable who's who in golf.

Terry - who collects his Master Greenkeeper Certificate at this year's BTME - has grown-in 11 golf courses across the United States alongside Jack Nicklaus, Tom Weiskopf and Jay Morrish, Tom Fazio, Pete Dye and Ted Robinson.

Terry comes from a family of golf course professionals is a former PGA Tour agronomist and advanceman on the regular US Tour. He will speak in Harrogate on growing in philosophies on a new golf course.

Forty six year old Terry is also a contributing editor to an American golf course news magazine and writes a column 'the savvy superintendent'.

Growing in Philosophies on a New Golf Course by Terry Buchen MGC is presented at 3.20pm, Wednesday 19 January in the Royal Hall.

Mike Sheehan has been in greenkeeping for 22 years. He spent a short time as an assistant professional before returning to greenkeeping.

Mike started his career at Child-

wall Golf Club in Liverpool before being promoted to deputy head greenkeeper at the age of 21. At 23, he left Childwall to become head greenkeeper at West Derby Golf Club in Liverpool, where he spent four years at this beautiful parkland course.

In April 1983 Mike then moved to Mere Golf and Country Club working for Hawkstone Park Hotel Group as golf course manager. In January 1984 Mere was bought by entepreneur Stephen Boler and since then there have been many major developments at Mere both on and off the course. Mike has been involved in all the changes. which have all been carried out inhouse, including tee and green construction and pond construction.

Let's put a pond in, by Mike Sheehan is presented at 3.20pm, Thursday 20 January in the Royal



You can't know it all. reckons Andrew Boyd, and the best way forward is to keep on learning.

Andrew will be applying his knowledge as head greenkeeper at Bridlington Golf Club to his chosen subject when he asks, do trolleys really damage our golf courses?

Andrew's love of the land started at a very early age and he went straight into greenkeeping when he left school. He moved to a firm of horticultural engineers but it wasn't long before the lure of the golf course brought him back to where he belonged. Andrew, aged 36, is committed to his education and has attended a variety of BIGGA courses

Trolleys - Do They Really Damage our Golf Courses? by Andrew Boyd is presented at 3.50pm.

Wednesday 19 January in the Royal

Speaking in Harrogate will be something completely different from the time Peter Greenhough took to the stage in 1988: then he was lecturing in India, Singapore, Indonesia and Thailand.

Peter, a former Yorkshire County Player and member of the Royal & Ancient Rules of Golf Committee, will speak on The Greenkeeper and the Rules of Golf.

The joint managing director of an insurance group and present captain of Brough Golf Club, has a



extensive knowledge of his subject for the educational seminar programme. He was guest lecturer at the Royal Canadian Golf Association Rules Seminar and Examinations in 1988 and is presently serving on the R&A's championship committee.

The Greenkeeper and the Rules of Golf by Peter Greenhough is presented at 9.30am, Thursday 20 January in the Royal Hall.



Peter Dickens, chief surveyor with the Survey Ordance Office, brings experience to bear in his presentation Ordnance Survey - More than Coarse Maps. Hear Peter at 10.30am, Friday 24 January in the Royal Hall.

With a degree in botany, Tim Lodge carried out plant physiology research for two years and worked for 18 months as a botanical surveyor for the Suffolk Wildlife Trust before taking up his present post, in 1989, of golf research officer with the STRL

After six months study of pure sand golf greens, Tim took responsibility for a research programme investigating the construction, irrigation and fertiliser nutrition of UK golf greens, funded by the R&A.

He is currently engaged in a survey of golf greens from golf clubs throughout the UK, in order to identify the range and forms of greens encountered and to establish standards of performance.

Standards for golf greens by Tim Lodge is presented at 2.10pm, Thursday 20 January at the Royal



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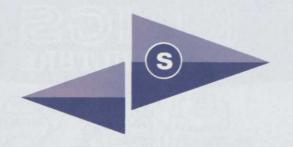
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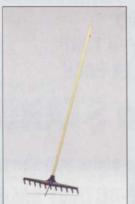


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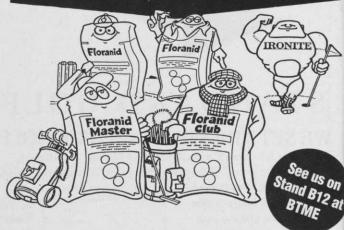
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Better Methods are showing some of their range of hand tools for turf care. Included are firm favourites such as the Turfmaster golf hole cutter, Levelawns, Turf Doctors, Soil Profilers, MIKKO rakes, Brayseed slotters and many more. Also on display is a selection of golf course accessories from American Eagle products, plus the official USGA Stimpmeter for which we are the sole UK distributors. Shown at Harrogate for the first time is a superb range of plastic chain and posts available in several colours at really economical prices. Visit Stand A37 and collect a copy of our catalogue.

BIGGA (NORTHERN REGION)

Stand No. C21B

Kenwood, Parkside, Madeley, Nr Crewe,

Cheshire CW3 9 IR

Tel: 0782 751851 Mobile: 0850 235554 Contact: Bob Lupton (Region Administrator)

Northern regional events include seminars, golf, and social meetings.

BLAZON EUROPE

Stand No. B23

c/o Marketing Links Associates, 24 Badgers Court, Langdon Hills, Basildon, Essex SS16 6AU Tel: 0268 413798 Fax: 0268 416434

Contact: Richard Fry

Blazon is a non-staining spray pattern indicator selected for use in the BIGGA turf management training video "Setting the Standard". Blazon is not like any other spray colourant and has totally different chemistry to those dyes sold for this purpose. Blazon is also the only spray pattern indicator that is available in both liquid form measured from its container and as a pre-measured liquid concentrate enclosed within a water soluble sachet. All visitors to the stand can take the opportunity to win one of the 25 free BIGGA training videos being given away each day of the Exhibition. In addition golf greenkeepers can hear how they can win for their club a brand new item of machinery which will be launched at the Exhibition.

BLEC LTD

Stand No. B29

73 Riverside, Deeping Gate, Peterborough PE6 9AR Tel: 0778 342829 Fax: 0778 341098

Contact: Gary Mumby

BLEC supply a comprehensive range of golf course construction and turfcare maintenance machinery including, multiscrapers, stoneburiers, stonepickers, stonerakers, seeding machines, overseeding machines, fertiliser and top dressing equipment, some of which will be exhibited at the show.

BOB ANDREWS LTD

Stand No. B14

1 Bilton Industrial Estate, Lovelace Road, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 8YT

Tel: 0344 862111 Fax: 0344 861345

Contact: Ian Lobb

Bob Andrews Ltd will display the latest diesel powered, zero turn Walker Mower, the Lawn Genie, tractor mounted flail pick-up mower, Turf-Doctor scarifyer, the Cyclone range of fertiliser and seed spreaders, bunker rakes and Billy Goat - Britain's No.1 outdoor vacuums, truck-loaders and blowers.

BRACKENHURST COLLEGE

Stand No. C21

Southwell, Nottinghamshire NG25 0QF Tel: 0636 812252 Fax: 0636 815404

Contact: Alistair Fraser

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BRIAN D PIERSON (CONTRACTORS) LTD

Stand No. C5

Homestead Farm, Ringwood Road, Three Legged Cross, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 6QY Tel: 0202 822372 Fax: 0202 826447

Contact: Lisa J Pierson

The company has been responsible for the construction or alteration of over 200 golf courses including alterations at most of the Open championship venues.

We have invested heavily in both specialist construction equipment and the latest in computer technology to enable us to maintain our position within the industry, offering budget analysis, specifications, environmental studies, finance, feasibility irrigation, planning application layout, drainage, agronomy, construction programming mainte-

For further details on the services we offer please visit us on Stand C5.

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BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE CONSTRUCTORS

Stand No. A16

3 Angel Court, Dairy Yard, High Street, Market Harborough, Leics LE16 7NL Tel: 0858 464346 Fax: 0858 434734

Contact: Tim Banks

The Association has a code of ethics with stringent qualifications for membership which are designed to ensure that only well qualified bona fide organisations and individuals with a genuine interest in the development of the golf industry are admitted. These objectives ensure that a high standard of workmanship is obtained by adherence to contractual procedures and codes of practice.

Members of the Association have been responsible for the construction of over 200 courses both in the UK and in Europe and will undertake the construction of major as well as smaller golf projects using qualified management which will ensure that the course is not only built on time but to a strict budget. Ask for more details from the professionals

BRITISH AND INTERNATIONAL GOLF GREENKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Stand No. C15

Aldwark Manor, Aldwark, Alne, York YO6 2NF Tel: 0347 838581 Fax: 0347 838864

Contact: Neil Thomas, John Pemberton, Debbie Savage, Samantha Flint, Clare Douglas, Samantha Collins and Pauline Thompson.

Greenkeeper International: Bill Lynch, Carol Dutton and Louise Lunn.

BIGGA welcomes all visitors to Harrogate once again. The Association is delighted to be organising the event which in its sixth year shows every indication of developing into the largest indoor exhibition and educational seminar programme throughout Europe. At the BIGGA stand you will be able to obtain all current BIGGA literature and be updated on developments within the Association. Details of membership of the Association will be available and for those so wishing there will be the opportunity to complete applications whilst visiting the stand. Information will be available on the National Education Conference to be held at the University of Warwick April 8-10, 1994. The full range of BIGGA merchandise will be on sale and also details of the TRIMS computer software package will be available. Be sure to pick up your copy of 'Greenkeeper International' which has a circulation of over 8,500 worldwide - essential reading for greenkeepers, golf clubs and the industry. The Association's staff look forward to meeting you on the stand, where much lively and informed discussion can be assured.

BRITISH SEED HOUSES LTD

Stand No. A14

Bewsey Industrial Estate, Pitt Street, Warrington WA5 5LE

Tel: 0925 54411 Fax: 0925 230682 **Contact: Roger Saunders**

The company specialise in new turf bred varieties of grasses, which have all been top rated by the Sports Turf Research Institute, and have particular experience of the type of grasses required for sowing on golf courses both in the UK and in Europe. A display of photographs will illustrate the wide number of golf courses where the company have been privleged to supply the grass seed. These photographs will also include projects where wild flora mixtures have been sown on golf roughs. The 'A' range of grass seed mixtures are well proven, and further information can be obtained from our stand.

BROADSIDE PUBLISHING

Stand No. C23

Broadside, Limpsfield Chart, Oxted,

Surrey RH8 0SZ

Tel: 0883 730270 Fax: 0883 730570

Contact: John Wilson

'The Golf Club Secretary' is a monthly newsletter, which gives practical advice and essential topical information to anyone involved in managing the affairs of a golf club.

Launched in May 1991, over 650 subscribers now receive in addition to the monthly newsletter, frequent supplements, a quarterly committee briefing newsheet, a binder, a cumulative index three times a year, the results of surveys amongst subscribers, preferential terms on conferences and a free enquiry service.

CANNINGTON COLLEGE

Stand No. C24

Cannington, Nr Bridgwater, Somerset TA5 2LS Tel: 0278 652226 Fax: 0278 652479

Contact: Mr N Rigden/Mr M Smith

Cannington College is a GTC approved regional centre for teaching golf course maintenance and management at

craft, supervisor and manager levels

The college course portfolio includes full-time Higher National Diploma and National Diplomas in golf course management, as well as the Block-Release greenkeeper training programme which follows the GTC Training Man-

Cannington is the only college with a purpose built full size 9 hole golf course, constructed to the most modern specifications, accepting green fees and membership.

Students from all over England and Europe are increasingly choosing Cannington as the place to study golf course management.

CHARTERHOUSE TURF MACHINERY

Stand No. A36

Weydown Industrial Estate, Weydown Road, Haslemere, Surrey GU27 1DW Tel: 0428 661222 Fax: 0428 661218

Contact: David Jenkins

Charterhouse Turf Machinery are returning to the BTME show after an absence of five years and will provide a warm home for all their old friends. They will be showing their range of top dressers, spikers, overseeders and, of course the now world famous Verti-Drain. This machine is now in its 13th year in the UK and has become the industry norm for compaction relief.

CIBA INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Stand No. C17

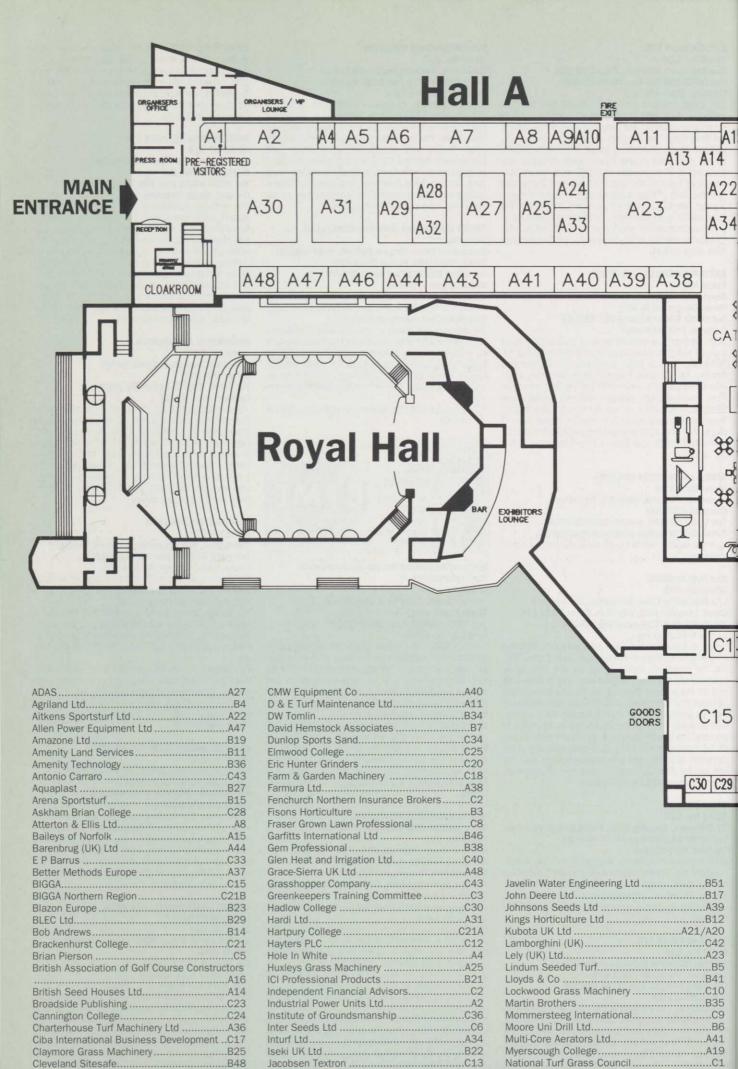
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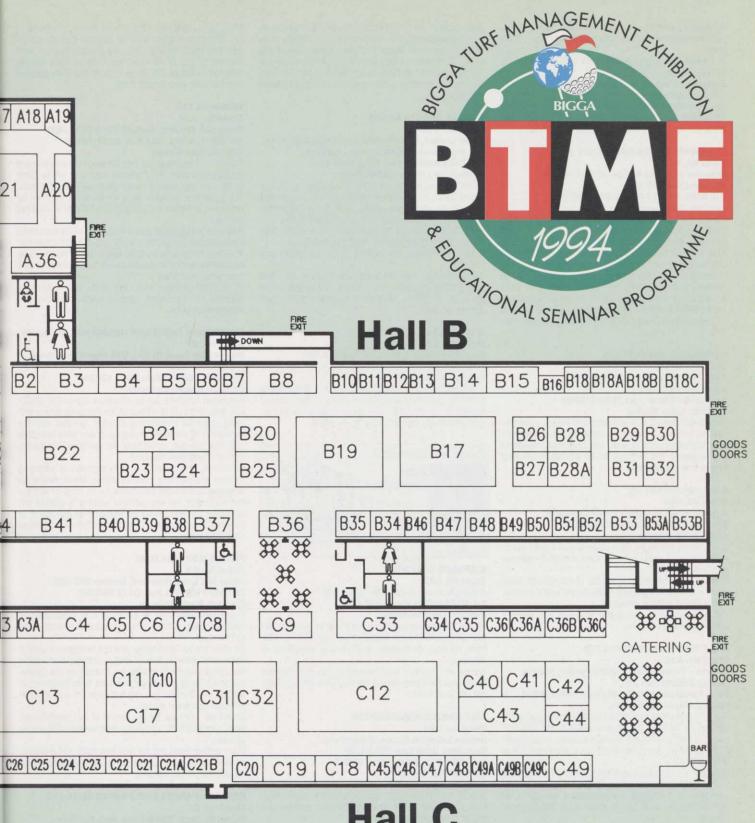
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Contact: Owen Towne

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CLAYMORE GRASS MACHINERY

Stand No. B25

Waterloo Industrial Estate, Bidford on Avon, Warwickshire B50 4JH

Tel: 0789 490177 Fax: 0789 490170

Contact: Mrs Waldron

Claymore will be exhibiting products from all three ranges distributed by them. With walk behind cylinder mowers and gang mowers manufactured by Greens, including a new, more advanced mower for golf greens. There will also be a selection of products from Bolens including Mulching mowers, new for this year and of course, ride on hydraulic cylinder mowers will be represented by Sabo Roberine, one of the leading and upcoming manufacturers in their fields. Also from Sabo Roberine, there will be news of a new product specifically designed for golf course mar-

CLEVELAND SITESAFE LTD

Stand No. B48 Park Farm, Dunsdale, Guisborough, Cleveland TS14 6RQ

Tel: 0642 475009 Fax: 0642 471036

Contact: Irvine Weston

Cleveland Sitesafe Ltd manufacture and supply a compre hensive range of movable, all steel, secure storage and accommodation units for tools, fuel, chemicals, equipment and personnel. The company will be pleased to construct to your own specifications.

CMW EQUIPMENT CO

Stand No. A40

3 Priors way, Cogleshall, Essex C06 1PW Tel: 0376 562569 Fax: 0376 563183 Contact: Mick Moss

CMW will be showing a wide range of golf course equipment, work and safety wear, selected specifically with the greenkeeper in mind.

Featured this year will be examples of our custom made signs which we can produce economically in the computerised system we have invested in.

We look forward to seeing you on stand A40 where a warm welcome awaits you.

D & E TURF MAINTENANCE LTD

Stand No. A11

St John's Schoolhouse, Central Parade, Shildon, County Durham D14 1DL

Tel & Fax: 0388 608620 Mobile: 0836 376944

Contact: David Stephenson

D & E Turf Maintenance Ltd are exhibiting their contractor services for the third year running at BTME. The specialist nature of their aeration and drainage services, coupled with their background in engineering brings a new dimension to greenkeepers.

High capital cost machinery is not always within the scope of many clubs, so the capacity to hire top quality coring, verti-draining, hydrojecting and trenching equipment for one day or one month, has its place within greenkeepers' budgets

We are introducing a full range of fairway maintenance equipment to supplement our greens range as a company policy, to bring the best aeration machinery in the market within the reach of all greenkeepers.

DAVID HEMSTOCK ASSOCIATES

Stand No. B7

1 Brookhill Street, Stapleford, Nottingham NG9 7BQ

Tel: 0602 499080 Fax: 0327 79464 Contact: David Hemstock/Ingrid Eichler

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Projects completed in 1993 include the design of Rufford Park Golf Course, an extremely attractive 18-hole pay and play course in the middle of Sherwood Forest; the design, project management and maintenance programming of the highly commended Manor Golf Club, Leeds; remodeling advice to Ashbourne Golf Club, Derbyshire; and several turf improvement and course upgrading assignments on drainage, irrigation, water sourcing, tee/green/bunker remodeling, etc.

DUNLOP SPORTS SANDS

Stand No. C34

Tilcon Limited, Foundry Products, Lingerfield, Scotton, Knaresborough, North Yorks HG5 9JN Tel: 0423 864041 Fax: 0423 868012

Contact: Dr J Sibson/Judith Porter
Tilcon Limited will be exhibiting their range of Dunlop Sports Sands, in conjunction with Contractor, John Bourne & Company. These high quality sands are available from strategically placed deposits throughout Great Britain.

Exceptionally clean and with a rounded grain shape, Dunlop Sports Sands are ideal for most sports surfaces.

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D W TOMLIN

Stand No. B34

Old Leake, Boston, Lincolnshire PE22 9JS Tel: 0205 870535 Fax: 0205 871304

Contact: Mr R Tomlin

D W Tomlin will be exhibiting the Greensiron 3000 suitable for rolling golf and bowling greens plus a general range of machinery for use with compact and larger tractors for construction and maintenence of golf courses.

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ELMWOOD COLLEGE

Stand No. C25

Carslogie Road, Cupar, Fife KY15 4JB Tel: 0334 52781 Fax: 0334 537

Contact: Carol Borthwick

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ERIC HUNTER GRINDERS LTD

Stand No. C20

Hobson Industrial Estate, Burnopfield, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE16 6EB Tel: 0207 70316 Fax: 0207 70312

Contact: Eric Hunter

Australia - Algarve - Alloa. Apart from the obvious 'A' connection, there is one other association of the above place. They are all areas which have recently taken delivery of a Hunter mower grinding machine.

The fame of their rugged construction (which makes them heirlooms!) together with simplicity of use and accurate results, make them very attractive to golf courses who are keen to cut repair bills and simultaneously improve course standards.

See how to properly grind reels and bed knives. Experience how relief angle grinding can better your mowing machines performance and economy

Get yourself on the 'A' team by visiting Hunter Grinders at

FARM AND GARDEN MACHINERY LTD

Stand No. C18

Swinton Mill Cottages, Coldstream, Berwickshire TD12 4JS Tel: 0890 80635 Fax: 08908 40361

Contact: Paul Butterly

Shibaura a leading Japanese manufacturer of tractors and commercial mowers with worldwide reputation for building excellent products powered by their own diesel engines.

Their range starts with 16hp ride on mowers. Followed by the "S" range which is a 20-30 hp multi-purpose tractor with mid mounted deck. Shibaura produce two out front mowers 22 and 27 hp which have many unique features followed by the 33 and 38 hp tractors which are supplied with turf tyres ideal for golf clubs.

FARMURA LTD

Stand No. A38

Stone Hill, Egerton, Ashford, Kent TN27 9DU Tel: 0233 76241/581 Fax: 0233 76419

Contact: Mrs Harmer

Farmura will be displaying their full range of innovative turf management products. Particular emphasis will be given to the new bulk service for the Farmura Liquid Organics. The 1.000 litre re-fillable IBC's will eliminate the need for packaging and mark a significant step forward in customer service

Reducing packaging is also a major aim of the successful Flo-Gro Super Concentrates which will also be highlighted. Winning photographs from the Blazon Better Way to Spray competition will be on display as will details of the exciting new spring promotion.

Don't forget to collect your copy of the new Professional Amenity and Landscape Manual which describes Farmura's range in full.

FENCHURCH NORTHERN INSURANCE BROKERS Stand No. C2

Bramley Business Centre, 533 Stanningley Road, Leeds LS13 4DA

Tel: 0532 558400 Fax: 0532 570310

Contact: Andrew Lawrence

Fenchurch Northern act as insurance brokers to BIGGA and their members in respect of the insurance covers provided within the membership package. We also offer our services to all members in respect of any other insurance requirements but, specifically, for personal insurances such as motor and household.

Fenchurch, in addition to have in expertise in arranging scheme and personal lines insurance, are renowned for arranging commercial insurances for all areas of industry and commerce and any exhibitor wishing to discuss any insurance matters would be welcome at our Stand or should contact Andrew Lawrence at Bramley Business Centre in Leeds

FISONS HORTICULTURE

Stand No. B3

Paper Mill Lane, Bramford, Ipswich IP8 4BZ Tel: 0473 830492 Fax: 0473 830386

Contact: Martin Morgan

Fisons Horticulture will be exhibiting their comprehensive range of quality turfcare products to suit the needs of the turf manager.

On show will be Greenmaster fine turf fertilisers as used at Wentworth featuring Fisons' unique granular presentation for superb year round results. For outfield use the Sportsmaster PS range will also be presented. Greenmaster liquid fertilizer and Seafeed soil and turf tonic are also available for those who prefer liquids.

Chemicals, Turfclear for the control of turf diseases and worm cast and Tritox a powerful selective herbicide, will be on show.

Tufex wetting agent and the new Topmaster turf dressings produced to the latest United States Golf Association specification will also be featured.

FRASER GROWN LAWN PROFESIONAL LTD

Stand No. C8

Woodside Farm, Sandy Lane, High Kinnerton, Chester CH4 9BS

Tel: 0244 660901 Fax: 0244 660468

Contact: Fred Trim

Fraser Grown Lawn Professional Ltd, are pleased to announce the opening, in March 1994, of our new turf nursery at Sealand Farm, Chester, which is specifically for the production of sports turf especially for the golf indus-This is probably one of the most suitable sites in Britain for turf growing - light sandy soil which gives free draining and the correct PH. We have a reputation built on quality, reliability and value for money.

Dealing with a family-run company like Frasers, together with their team of experienced sales, transport and field ftaff, means that our customers are always assured of personal service at all times

GARFITTS INTERNATIONAL LTD

Stand No. B46

106 John Street, Sheffield S2 4QU Tel: 0742 726240 Fax: 0742 728459

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Contact: D Cooper/A Brooks

Garfitts International Ltd is a name now synonymous with quality and service, catering solely for the grasscutting industry. A short time spent visiting the stand at the show could prove to be most interesting and profitable. In these days of financial restrictions the saving of money is a high priority, however, standards still have to be maintained and improved. Garfitts can assist you to achieve that objective. A visit to our stand and seeing the quality of our range of products and the comprehensive selection available will be time well spent and our representatives will be there to welcome and discuss your requirements. Garfitts' principle activities are the manufacturing of high quality cylinders and bottom blades, tines, rotary blades and many other small components, but in order to offer a complete service they also distribute many other popular spares for most makes of machinery, such as tyres, filters, cables, batteries etc. A comprehensive catalogue is available on request. We look forward to seeing you at Harrogate.

GEM PROFESSIONAL

Stand No. B38 Brookside Lane, Oswaldtwistle, Accrington, Lancashire BB5 3NY Tel: 0254 393321 Fax: 0254 236775 **Contact: Patrick Dyer**

Gem Professional, the largest privately owned manufacturer of fertilisers and turf dressings in the UK, are launching their new premier range of turf dressings. Recognising the need for high quality and continuity of supply, Gem Professional have purchased a 50 acre quarry on some of the best sand deposits in the north of England. Furnished with the most modern equipment and centrally located, customers can now enjoy national distribution on all quality turf dressings, rootzones and bunker sands. In addition Gem Professional will be exhibiting their full range of superior fertilisers together with the full range of liquid prod-

GLEN HEAT & IRRIGATION LTD

Stand No. C40

Spalding Road, Pinchbeck, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE11 3UE Tel: 0775 722327 Fax: 0775 725444

Contact: Gilbert Maddison

GHI of Spalding have added the Rainbird range of sophisticated pop-up computerised sprinkler systems to its already comprehensive equipment line up for sports and leisure watering schemes.

On display will be a formidable array of products that have enabled the company to keep at the forefront of the industry. With fully trained staff to design, install and maintain each tailor-made system, a wide spectrum of products can be undertaken. These include golf courses, bowling greens, football and cricket grounds, tennis courts as well as municipal parks and gardens.

Visitors will also see a photographic record of some of the prestigious schemes GHI have completed over the past 21 years since the company was formed in 1972.

THE GOLF SIGN COMPANY

Stand No. B39

The Golf Sign Company manufacture high quality bespoke signs together with the greenkeeper range of standard signs.

Manufactured from stove enamelled aluminium with the text being sub-surface laminated, providing a durable, vandal-proof and maintenance free product. Our product range include tee markers to any shape, size and colour, main entrance signs complete with full colour crests, car parking and road signs, tournament and information boards. In fact, a full signage service to the golf industry, now supplying over 350 private and public courses throughout the UK and Europe.

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GRACE SIERRA

Stand No. A48

61 Loughborough Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7LA Tel: 0602 455100 Fax: 0602 455311 Mobile: 0850 789492

Contact: Mark Hunt

Constant nutrient availability over an unrivalled longevity is the key to the continuing success of Grace Sierra controlled release fertilisers in the UK turf market.

In new course construction where grass swards can be rapidly established over a short period with only one application of the unique resin coated granules.

Tees, fairways, surrounds and approaches are also ideally suited to the 5 to 6 month release Osmocote N-39.0.0 Turfmix-28.5.7+Fe and Sierrablen NK-

The temperature controlled release mechanism ensures that the grass receives the nutrient as and when it requires and if soil temperatures drop, nutrient will not be wasted by harmful leaching.

GRASSHOPPER COMPANY

Stand No. C43

Haddlesey, Selby, North Yorkshire Y08 8QF Tel: 0757 210007 Fax: 0757 210020

Contact: John Croft

From the wide range of Versatile Mowing Systems several models are exhibited by Grasshopper, diesel ride-on zeroturn mowers with a wide range of decks including the revolutionary 2D Mulch Deck, side and rear discharge options matched to the range of mower from 14-24.5 HP. Collection and sweeping systems complete this multifunctional and unique commercial range.

THE GREENKEEPERS TRAINING COMMITTEE Stand No. C3

Aldwark Manor, Aldwark, Alne, York YO6 2NF Tel: 0347 838640 Fax: 0347 838775

Contact: David F Golding - Education Director The Greenkeepers Training Committee (GTC) is dedicated

to its objectives of improving and promoting the education and training of all greenkeepers.

The production of a new training manual to complement National/Scottish Vocational Qualifications has been produced and will be available on the stand.

All career in greenkeeping enquiries are welcome together with training course and college options for both existing greenkeepers and those persons looking for a career in golf course management.

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HADLOW COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE & HORTICULTURE

Stand No. C30

Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 OAL Tel: 0732 850551 Fax: 0732 851957

Contact: Timothy Firmston Vice Principal

Hadlow College in West Kent offers Day Release courses in golf greenkeeping at NVQ Level 2. The courses involve one day per week during the autumn and spring together with two periods of 3-day mini block spread over a two year period for additional practical instruction.

The courses are held at both Hadlow College and the Horticultural Unit, Canterbury

Students gain knowledge and practical competences concerning the management of grass for greens and golf courses. The subjects covered are those contained within the training scheme offered by the Greenkeepers Training Committee

HARDI LTD

Stand No. A31

4-5 Watling Close, Sketchley Meadows Ind. Est, Hinckley, Leicestershire LE10 3EX Tel: 0455 233811 Fax: 0455 233815 **Contact: Peter Clarke**

On show from Hardi Ltd will be a representative range of the most technically advanced sprayers produced for the amenity market. Whether you are interested in 15 litre knapsack, or an 1500 litre fully hydraulic machine, Hardi has them all. Tractor mounted from 200 to 800 litres, trailed from 200 to 1500 litres, demount sprayers for utility vehicles from 200 to 800 litres. Whatever style of sprayer a variety of boom widths and types can be fitted, these are available in sizes of up to 12 metres, either manual or hydraulic folding. Hardi makes the sprayer to suit your particular job, and with a plethora of optional extras available, a sprayer can be designed and built for any task.

HARTPURY COLLEGE

Stand No. C21A

Hartpury, Gloucester GL19 3BE

Tel: 0452 700283 Fax: 0452 700629

Contact: Stefan Drew

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HAYTERS PLC

Stand No. C12

Spellbrook, Bishop's Stortford, Herts CM23 4BU Tel: 0279 600919 Fax: 0279 600338

Contact: Kim Macfie

Visitors to Hayters' stand at the show will be the first to view the company's latest range of grass cutting machinery for 1994.

Designed especially for golf courses, Hayter's new lightweight TM520 hydraulic five-gang mower offers an economical method of cutting. Its overall width of cut is 3.55 metre. For fairways, the TM729, seven-gang mower has either 25cm high output fixed cutterheads, or 20cm fixed of floating cutterheads.

Hayter's latest hydraulic triple ride-on mower is the T224 a rugged and highly manoeuvrable machine. Features include high output, plus 2-or 4-wheel drive options.

Also seen for the first time at the BIGGA Exhibition, a three-wheel version of Hayter's T93 fully hydrostatic greens triple mower.

HOLE-IN-WHITE (EUROPE)

Stand No. A4

Skinners Farm, Epping Lane, Stapleford Tawney, Romford, Essex RM4 1ST Tel: 0708 688435

Contact: R D Paterson

Hole-in-White will be showing again the only successful golf hole turf whitener on the European market now being used for most major professional and amateur golf tournaments throughout Europe today. Come along and see for yourself how Hole-in-White makes this task so simple, don't miss this opportunity - look in on Stand A4 where our staff will be only too pleased to demonstrate Hole-in-White and answer any questions you may have. Don't be left behind, move with the times.

HUXLEYS GRASS MACHINERY LIMITED

Stand No. A25

The Dean, New Alresford, Hampshire S024 9BL Tel: 0962 733222 Fax: 0962 734702 **Contact: Martin Cooke**

Huxleys Grass Machinery will be showing British equipment designed and built at their new Alresford works. On show will be the Huxtrak turf maintenance vehicle with allweather cab and large capacity top-dresser. The latest Huxley 358 greensmower and other machines from Huxleys' range of heavy duty reelmowers, reelmowers for compact tractors, turf care implements, Turf Blazer rotary mowers, the Little David stump remover and Royer shredders and powerscreens will also be displayed.

ICI PROFESSIONAL PRODUCTS

Stand No. B21

Fernhurst, Haslemere, Surrey GU27 3JE Tel: 0428 645454 Fax: 0428 657222

Contact: Roger Mossop

The ICI Professional Products stand at BTME '94 will feature the full range of quality fertilisers and turf care chemicals manufactured with the greenkeeper in mind. Displays will feature the recent addition to the Longlife range, Mini-Gold sulphur coated urea mini-prill, a 31% nitrogenous fertilizer in a slow release form with one application lasting up to 14 weeks.

'Ultra-Green' water soluble fertilisers have been an immediate success with the innovative packaging and formulations making application simplicity itself. Formulations are the key to success, and nothing highlights this better than the new improved spray dye indicator 'Turf Mark', available as dose measured water soluble sachets for conventional sprayers or in tablet form for knapsacks. Both products will be featured heavily alongside ICI's established turf products and free customer service.

Full details of the free ICI Soil Analysis Service and Empty Pesticide Container Disposal Scheme will be available from the stand.

If that isn't enough to attract your attention, we may have even more good news for you greenkeepers. Call on stand B21 for a warm welcome.

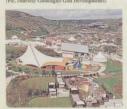
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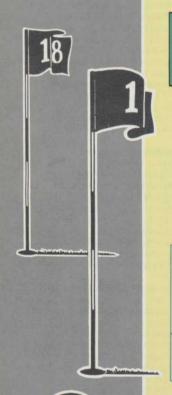
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Contact: Bob Dudgeon

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INDUSTRIAL POWER UNITS LTD

Stand No. A2

Sutherland Avenue, Wolverhampton, West Midlands WV2 2RA

Tel: 0902 452138 Fax: 0902 454159

Contact: Karen Davies

IPU had a very successful BIGGA show in 1993, especially for Ferris products.

IPU have distributed specialist 18"-61" rotaries for six years now, and offer an unsurpassed range of professional rotaries.

The latest which will be of interest to golf courses is the 61" Rider outfront rotary. This features two independent hydraulic motors, giving immense manoeuvrability and

To complement this machine, IPU are introducing a new range of small Dori rotaries to be used in inaccessible and difficult areas. The mowers will be in the 18"-21" range

Dave Ferris, owner and managing director of Ferris USA is a very keen golfer and golf course related machines are now under development.

INSTITUTE OF GROUNDSMANSHIP

Stand No. C36

19-23 Church Street, The Agora, Wolverton, Milton Keynes MK12 5LG

Tel: 0908 312511 Fax: 0908 311140

Contact: Chris Costello

For nearly 60 years the Institute of Groundsmanship has fought continuously to raise the status of groundsmen and regularise the standards of their work, and so it was with great pleasure that we launched our training manual successfully at Peterborough in 1993. The manual has recently received ILB approval and copies will be available for peruaal and purchase.

Full details of the IOG examinations, courses, exhibition, membership and our 60th anniversary conference will also

INTER SEEDS LTD

Stand No. C6

Thorn Farm, Evesham Road, Inkberrow, Worcs WR7 4LJ

Tel: 0386 793135 Fax: 0386 792715

Contact: Derek J Smith

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Stand No. A34

Regent Street, Pocklington, York Y04 2QN Tel: 0759 304101 Fax: 0759 305229

Contact: Jane Edwards

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Stand No. B22

Broadway, Bourn, Cambridge CB3 7TL Tel: 0954 718981 Fax: 0954 719731

Contact: Arthur Wood

Iseki UK Ltd provide a complete range of compact tractors and turf maintenance equipment. Compact tractors ranging from 14 to 45 HP supported by various turf care attachments. In addition, for the first time at BTME Iseki will be introducing the new SF300 28HP ride on mower equipped with automatic or constant 4WD system, power steering and hydrostatic drive. Available with either 60" or 72" side or rear discharge decks or cylinder units.

JACOBSEN TEXTRON

Stand No. C13

Jacobsen House, Telford Way Industrial Estate, Kettering, Northants NN16 8UN

Tel: 0536 417777 Fax: 0536 310245

Contact: Mr R G Orban

Jacobsen will be showing their full range of maintenance trucks, comprising the 810 Express (12.2 cu ft. 1000lbs capacity), Workhorse 2315 (16.6 cu ft. 1500lbs capacity) and for the first time in the UK, the all new Workhorse SV (Systems Vehicle) range. The Workhorse SV (19cu ft. 2200lbs carrying capacity) has more horsepower, higher capacity and more forward gears than any truck in its class. The SV Truck range, in either petrol or diesel powered versions, has an exclusive high range limited steering system which provides enhanced levels of operator safety, and is the only truck with hydraulic PTO for all attachments. Jacobsen will be unveiling a comprehensive range of attachments at the show.



From one of Europe's largest specialist tractor manufacturers comes a superb range of models eminently suitable for all groundcare work.

Compact models from 25-75HP. All with economical low emission diesel engines;

12 x 12 synchro-shuttle gearboxes; highly manoeuvrable 4 wheel drive; 4 wheel oil immersed brakes from 60HP for greater safety; powerful hydraulics and all with ground preserving low weight for reduced compaction.

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Jacobsen will also be showing for the first time in the UK, the revolutionary Autofertil system of recycling grass cuttings. The Autofertil system breaks down the plant material to a liquid which with auxiliary additives if required, can be fed back directly over the surface of the ground providing high quality fertiliser. Using the Autofertil system, problems of cost on standard disposal or recycling methods are avoided and huge savings in fertilisers are possible.

JAVELIN WATER ENGINEERING LTD

Stand No. B51

The Pump House, Belvoir Way, Fairfield Industrial Estate, Louth, Lincolnshire LN11 0YA Tel: 0507 607175 Fax: 0507 607521

Contact: Mr J R Harrison

Javelin Water Engineering Ltd specialises in the wholesale distribution of branded irrigation equipment and pumping machinery throughout the British Isles. The company is the master distributor for LR Nelson turf products. The LR Nelson turf products range compromising gear-driven sprinklers, valves, controllers and Rain Train self-travellers and Rovatti pumps represent the core business.

Many other irrigation accessories including the new concept of hand-held mobile controllers from Micro Process Applications, valve boxes, hoses and couplings and the Irrifrance Micro.44/120 hose reels complete a product range fully supported by sound free of charge technical advice

JOHN DEERE LTD

Stand No. B17

Harby Road, Langar, Nottingham NG13 9HT Tel: 0949 60491 Fax: 0949 60490

Contact: Mrs G Bailey

John Deere's commitment to the golf and turf industry in the UK and Ireland is reflected in a full range of golf course equipment being exhibited at Harrogate. Several major new machines have been launched for 1994 and are on show for the first time

A tournament-quality finish is provided by the 3235 lightweight fairway mower. This 32hp machine features twice as much power to the reels as competitive makes. There is also a diesel-engined version of the popular 2243 greensmower available.

The Gator 18hp 6x4 and 10hp 4x2 utility vehicles combine high flotation and low ground pressure, making the ideal for all load-carrying operations on and off the turf.

These machines are joined by a 2653 utility mower, a 22inch walk-behind greensmower and an 1145 ride-on front mower, illustrating John Deere's continuing development of quality equipment for the professional greenkeeper.

JOHNSON SEEDS

Stand No. A39

London Road, Boston, Lincs PE21 8AD Tel: 0205 365051 Fax: 0205 359857

Contact: Duncan Beall

Johnson's staff will be available to give technical advice about grasses used in golf course maintenance and construction and also the proven merits of 'Apron T' as a dressing to combat seedling diseases.

From the finest green to the most environmentally sensitive wild flower area, our position as a major seed producer and plant breeder enables us to provide, not only the full range of varieties needed, but also the expertise and service that professional users should receive

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KINGS HORTICULTURE LTD

Stand No. B12

4 Lancaster Way, Earls Colne Industrial Estate, Earls Colne, Colchester, Essex CO6 2NS Tel: 0787 223300 Fax: 0787 224509

Contact: John Hinton

Kings Horticulture, as the UK importers of both the BASF Floranid Range and Ironite Superferrite granular iron, will be featuring them on their stand. These high performance products are both innovative and unique and are proving invaluable in the management of modern golf greens

Easy and safe to use, they are already widely used in Europe and the UK.

Kings are also major distributors of chemicals and top dressings as well as other products to golf courses. Come and talk to their specialist team about what they can do to help you. Leading the way in technical products for modern golf green management.

KUBOTA (UK) LTD Stand No. A20 & A21

Dormer Road, Thame, Oxon OX9 3UN Tel: 0844 214500 Fax: 0844 216685 **Contact: Stuart Ellis**

One of the leading compact tractor specialists, Kubota (UK) Ltd, are showing their compact tractor, the new 30.5hp ST-30, together with a line-up of other tractors including the 40hp 3250 model which features a creep speed gear box as standard and the popular 20hp B1750 which incorporates the advanced steering capability of Bi-Speed Turn

Also featured on the stand are a selection of commercial ride-on mowers including the 18hp F1900 and the 24hp F2400 with Bi-Speed Turn. Power products on show are walk behind mowers and cultivators, a selection of portable pumps and generators as well as a range of brush cutters and hedge trimmers.

LAMBORGHINI (UK)

Stand No. C42

Barby Lane, Barby, Nr. Rugby, Warwickshire CV23 8TD

Tel: 0788 891446 Fax: 0788 891387

Contact: Fabian Wilkinson

Lamborghini offer a range of groundcare tractors from 25-75 DIN HP. All offer 12/12 synchro shuttle gearboxes; live multispeed PTO; top link draft sensing hydraulics with capacities from 1-3 tonnes; co-axial 4WD with 50° turning angle; 4 wheel oil-immersed brakes on 60+HP 4WD; creep speed available. Q cabs standard above 60HP, optional on smaller models. 3 Year [3000 hr max] Warranty.

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LELY (UK) LTD Stand No. A23 Station Road, St. Neots, Huntingdon, Cambs PE19 10H Tel: 0480 476971 Fax: 0480 216167

Contact: Peter Mansfield

Toro commercial distributors Lely (UK) Ltd will be exhibiting the highly acclaimed 'Workman' utility vehicle at this year's BTME show at Harrogate. This closely follows the successful 'Workman' nationwide demonstration tour which took place throughout September and October where users were able to view and test drive a wide range of vehicles with accessories and attachments. Those who were unable to attend a 'Workman' tour event will be able to view the vehicle on the Lely stand along with products from Toro's extensive range of golf course and grounds maintenance equipment.

LINDUM SEEDED TURF

Stand No. B5

West Grange, Thorganby, York YO4 6DJ Tel: 0904 448675 Fax: 0904 448713

Contact: Stephen Fell

Lindum Turf has a range of turf to suit all golf course requirements, be it new course construction or replacement and renovations. Some of our green and tee grades (grown on the ideal sandy medium) will be on display and we would be happy to discuss our exciting progress with new mixtures and varieties.

Many new courses bear witness to the excellence of Lindum's products and services. The Gleneagles Monarch's now in full play and the Carnegie Golf Course at Skibo Castle opening later in 1994 are but two examples.

LOCKWOOD GRASS MACHINERY (LESCO)

Stand No. C10

Unit 17, Greenwich Close, Landser Road, Ipswich, Suffolk IP3 ODD

Tel: 0473 289158 Fax: 0473 289161

Contact: Clive Lockwood

With certain golf clubs concerned at excessive weight of machinery on golf greens, the Lesco 300 petrol greensmower will be shown for the first time at this year's show. A new type of cutting head is now available and can be fitted to the Lesco greensmower range, which has features of quick release units and full floating front roller assembly. Other products available are the popular Lesco Cyclone Spreader, drop spreaders and Lesco 30" trailed gang mowers.

LLOYDS & CO LETCHWORTH LTD

Stand No. B41

Letchworth, HERTS SG6 1JE Tel: 0462 683031 Fax: 0462 481964

Contact: Derek Haley

Lloyds are pleased to announce an addition to the Paladin range of fine turf mowers. A new 24" is now available enabling your greens to have the quality finish expected from hand cutting but with less effort.

Naturally the famous Leda "Golf Course" gang mower, renowned for its quality and reliability, will be shown.

In addition Lloyds staff will be on hand to discuss all aspects of golf course moving together with advice on maintenance of existing equipment.

MARTIN BROTHERS (UK) LTD

Stand No. B35

18 George Street, Alderley Edge, Cheshire SK9 7EJ Tel: 0625 584571 Fax: 0625 586130

Contact: Andy Law

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Stand No. C9

Station Road, Finedon, Wellingborough NN9 5WT Tel: 0933 680674 Fax: 0933 682022

Contact: John Akers

Mommersteeg's new introduction for 1994 is MM9, a special blend of bents for oversowing golf greens.

The best way to improve the year round performance is to establish new plants of the ideal greens species. MM9 comprises 25 per cent each of the three browntop bents -Sefton, Tracenta and Highland – and 25 per cent of the creeping bent, Carmen, all tolerant of repeated close mow-

John Akers, commercial director, and his golf and amenity marketing team will be on Stand C9 at BTME to tell you more about MM9 and the full range of established Mommersteeg MM blends for every part of the course.

MOORE UNI DRILL LTD

Stand No. B6

Newhill House, 33 Kirk Road, Ballymoney, Co. Antrim BT53 6PP

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MULTI CORE AERATORS LTD

Stand Mo. A41

3 Hillside Close, Euxton, Chorley,

Lancashire PR7 6JB Tel & Fax: 0257 231861 Mobile: 0374 488508 Contact: Ian Waddington

Multi-Core have increased their exhibition space for 1994 and as a result are able to feature both the TM1000 and TM1500 tractor mounted aerators. Both combine robust construction with ease of maintenance, and therefore downtime is kept to a minimum. A vast choice of tine spacings and sizes are available, from mini hollow and solid to 19mm. Hollow giving up to 5 inch penetration, all these will be on display. Also featured will be the popular greenkeeper pedestrian aerator. Available as a 16 inch or 21 inch machine the greenkeeper offers ultra reliability at an affordable price. If you are looking for an aerator in 1994 why not visit our stand, where a warm welcome awaits customers old and new.

MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE

Stand No. A19

Myerscough Hall, Bilsborrow, Preston PR3 0RY Tel: 0995 640611 Fax: 0995 640842

Contact: Lorna Tyson

Few colleges in the UK can better Myerscough's long association with the sportsturf industry.

This dynamic college offers sportsturf courses at National Certificate, BTEC National Diploma and Higher National Diploma level, as well as providing short courses designed

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to meet individual needs.

The college is also leading the field in the development of commercial and educational links within the leisure industry. This relationship ensures that courses are delivered in such a way as to produce highly trained people who are capable of accepting responsibility, and are able to respond to the rapidly changing demands of the market. Come and visit us on Stand A19

NATIONAL TURFGRASS COUNCIL

Stand No. C1 3 Ferrands Park Way, Harden, Bingley, West Yorkshire BD16 1HZ Tel: 0535 273188

Contact: John Shildrick

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Stand No. C32

Cranes Farm Road, Basildon, Essex, SS14 3AD Tel: 0268 533000 Fax: 0268 292974

Contact: N MacKenzie

The Ford Compact Tractor range consists of five 4WD models from 16 to 41 Din hp. These include the 27hp 1720, the 1920 at 33hp and the 41hp 2120. Four cylinder engines and creep speed transmissions are standard on 1920 and 2120 models.

Models 1220 and 1520 (16 and 22hp respectively) are available with the optional Ford mid mounted mower deck. The Ford diesel mower range offers four models. The 22hp CM224 and 27hp CM274 utilise hydrostatic transmissions with automatic four wheel drive and are available with 60" side or rear discharge rotary decks. At 14 and 16hp, the GT65 and GT75 riding mower specifications include 48" mower decks, hydrostatic transmissions, and on the GT75, power steering.

OAKLANDS COLLEGE

Stand No. C26

Oaklands Campus, Hatfield Road, St. Albans, Herts AL4 OJA

Tel: 0727 850651 Fax: 0727 847987

Contact: Ian Merrick

The college offers a wide range of training courses for the professional Greenkeeper.

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Contact: Roger Davey

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OTTERRINE AFRATORS

Stand No. A10 6 Stuart Road, Market Harborough, Leicestershire LE16 9PQ

Tel: 0858 463153 Fax: 0858 410085

Contact: Mike Walker

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Stand No. B50

Dolmar House, Clare Street, Denton,

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Tel: 061 320 8100 Fax: 061 335 0114 Contact: Chris Hindle - Sales Director

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The Robin 40.2cc powered Dagger Soil Ameliorator, is a portable machine which injects 35 litres of compressed air 50cm into the ground, breaking up subtrata for 2 metres

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PARKER HART

Stand No. C19

Malden Road, Worcester Park, Surrey KT4 7NF Tel: 081 337 7791 Fax: 081 330 7392

Contact: Neil Stewart

Parker Hart will have details of their extensive range of turf care products including the upgraded range of Verdant grass seed mixtures, the comprehensive range of Verdant fertilisers, turf conditioners, wetting agents and sundries. In addition the company will have details of its machinery division's services including new and reconditioned machinery for sale, servicing and overhaul facilities, spare parts, machinery hire and specialist contracting services.

H. PATTISSON & CO LTD

Stand No. B24

342 Selbourne Road, Luton, Beds LU4 8NU Tel: 0582 597262 Fax: 0582 505241

Contact: Peter Dell

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Stand No. B10

39 Salisbury Street, Fordingbridge,

Hampshire SP6 1AB

Tel: 0425 652087 Fax: 0425 652476

Contact: Philip York

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PRIME WATERMEN LTD

Stand No. B40

Wangford, Beccles, Suffolk NR34 8AX Tel: 050 278 481 Fax: 050 278 729

Contact: Glvn Prime

Prime Watermen are main agents for the Weather-matic range of irrigation equipment as well as being designers and installers of complete irrigation packages tailor-made for turf, landscape and sports applications.

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Along with this Prime Watermen have introduced a threewire, remote-valve control system which gives a visual display and permanent printed record of the date and time of irrigation periods, watering times for individual stations.

PSD AGRONOMY LIMITED

Stand No. A13

42 Garstang Road, Preston, Lancashire PR1 1NA Tel: 0772 884450 Fax: 0772 774445

Contact: Pat Harbridge

PSD Agronomy Ltd provide a complete agronomic consultancy service for the golf course. Whether upgrading a mature course to cope with today's increased play or developing a new course, PSD Agronomy can help you. Many mature golf courses are suffering severe agronomic problems and PSD Agronomy can provide the technical

New golf courses are being planned every week. Having PSD Agronomy as part of the team will help ensure a high quality, well managed project. See Mike Harbridge, John Hacker or David Stansfield on stand A13 for further details of services

and analytical support necessary for a busy greenkeeping

R&R (UK) LTD

Stand No. C45

Blackstone Road, Stukeley Meadows Industrial Estate, Huntingdon, Cambs PE18 6EF Tel: 0480 411146 Fax: 0480 450091 Contact: Val Cody

R&R will be promoting their new Heftee lift which was launched in the Autumn at the IoG. It has been a great success with golf courses and local authorities.

The Heftee is a brand new design which is capable of lifting virtually all mowers and compact tractors used in a professional field

"We know exactly what the market has been waiting for," says R&R director Paul English "There is now an awareness that mechanics should not have to scramble over the floor on order to service mowers costing in excess of

Heftee has a 2000lb capacity, 67" clear underneath working height, 3 or 4 wheel loading, jacking hoist and castors.

RAIN BIRD EUROPE

Stand No. B28

535 Rue George-Claude, Z.I Les Milles, Aix-En-Provence, Cedex 03 13792 France Tel: 33 42 24 44 61 Fax: 33 42 24 24 72

Contact: Bruno Windegger

Spanning six continents and touching more than 100 countries with its products and services, Rain Bird has grown to a position of industry leadership through a 60 year commitment to uncompromising quality. Dating from the introduction of its first product, the original impact sprinkler, the company has been known for its innovation in both the design and application of its products

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The Fairway 300, a new high performance 5 unit ride-on fairway mower designed to cope with world grass growth conditions. The Fairway 300 features include 4 wheel drive providing exceptional traction, excellent fuel economy, low exhaust and noise levels. Hydraulically driven 26 inch wide cutting units provide a cutting width of 114 inches

Triple Classic which offers high standards of finish with precise hand operated hydraulic controls and a choice of cutting units.

Also on show will be a three wheel diesel Cushman Turf Truckster. The multi-purpose system vehicle available with a range of attachments for all aspects of turf care will be shown with the new Wide Top Dresser. The Super Certes fitted with verti groom will also be on display, this pedestrian mower always provides a consistent finish to a green.

REASEHEATH COLLEGE

Stand No. C29

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Contact: Terry Ryan

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The company will also be exhibiting its Advantage turf which has been used during 1993 at the Belfry (which hosted The Ryder Cup), St Andrews and on several new courses such as the Leeds Golf Centre.

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Contact: Mr C D Honeybone

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Stand No. A9

6 Stuart Road, Market Harborough, Leicestershire LE16 9PQ

Tel: 0858 463153 Fax: 0858 410085

Contact: Mike Walker

Sports Ground Irrigation, the sole importer of the Hunter Golf range, will be showing the new electric valve-in-head sprinklers for the first time in the UK. Based on the highly successful Hunter gear-drive concept.

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Stand No. C3A

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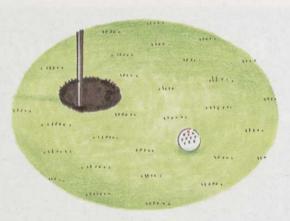
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Stand No. B44

Maxwell Hart Building, 612 Reading Road, Winnersh, Wokingham, Berkshire RG11 5HF Tel: 0734 788044 Fax: 0734 785805

Contact: Duncan Stewart

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Stand No. B49

Sutton Business Centre, Restmor Way, Wallington, Surrey SM6 7AH

Tel: 081 669 0011 Fax: 081 773 8449

Contact: Guy Longshaw

Over the past year Symbio 'Green Circle' has been cutting fertiliser and fungicide use on many more golf clubs in Britain and Ireland

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T & G TURF IRRIGATION SERVICES OF RIPON

Stand No. B20 8 Whitecliffe Grove, Ripon, North Yorkshire HG4 2JW Tel: 0765 602941 Fax: 0765 602941 Contact: Noel Glover

T & G Turf Irrigation will once again be sharing a stand with Watermation. T & G have had another successful year installing many large scale automatic irrigation systems using the famous GR sprinklers and TW2 control. Among these installations are Antrobus Golf Club at Warrington in Lancs, Cleethorpes Golf Club in South Humberside and Holme Hall Golf Club in Scunthorpe. T & G are an old established company who believe in quality equipment and pride themselves on giving their customers careful and personal attention. The two partners. Tony Teggin and Noel Glover have over 20 years experience in irrigation installation.

TACIT

Stand No. B2 48 Hillmorton Road, Rugby, Warwickshire CV22 5AD Tel: 0788 568818 Fax: 0788 537485

Contact: Richard Webb

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Contact: Peter Roberts

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Contact: Ruth Hensman

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Stand No. A33 38-42 Hampton Road, Teddington, Middlesex TW11 0JE Tel: 081 943 5000 Fax: 081 943 5658 **Contact: Nici Brooks**

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TURF MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Stand No. C11

Dromnagh Farm, Sevenhills Road, Iver Heath, **Bucks SLO OPA**

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Contact: Allan Moffat

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Contact: Clive Carter

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Contact: Chris Gray

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WATERMATION LTD

Stand No. B20

Tongham Road, Aldershot, Hants, GU12 4AA Tel: 0252 336838 Fax: 0252 336808

Contact: Mrs Eileen Hawthorn

Watermation, the British irrigation manufacturer, will once again be sharing a stand with their distributor and installer in the north of England, T & G Turf Irrigation of Ripon, Yorkshire, who are listed separately.

Watermation have not stood still over the past 12 months and have developed their new valve in head range of golf

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Stand No. A18

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Stand No. C27

Lordship Road, Writtle, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 3RR

Tel: 0245 420705 Fax: 0245 420

Contact: Mr R J Hughes

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 Inturf have acquired a substantial shareholding in the French company Express Gazon, one of France's leading turf growers.

Scottish conference

A veritable galaxy of star speakers are lined up for the Scottish Region's annual conference, on Tuesday 8 March at Elmwood College, Cupar.

Ian MacMillan, course manager at Balbirnie Park, will speak of his tri-

als and tribulations at the club and Steve Isaac from the STRI will examine the pros and cons of grooming, verti-cutting, combing and aeration. Keith McPhee from Fisons will take a different look at fertilisers and liquid feeds and Kevin Stables, Montrose Links' professional, will give his view of Scottish courses. Pesticides and health and safety consultant Douglas Shearer will also be speaking and Eddie Sheret will talk on course rating.

Applications forms will be sent out at the end of this month.

Grundon colour

Gremlins were at work in last month's Greenkeeper International, making the path gravel in the Grundon advertisement a delicate sea green colour. Whilst Grundon tell us they supply a wide range of sands and gravels, they have yet to introduce a line in this particular complexion. The bag pictured should have shown red gravel - the colour of our embarrassment. Grundon are able to deliver bulk orders of this and many other products throughout the country. Apologies for any confusion caused.

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SCOTTISH CENTRAL

A message from your new Chairman: "In the 22 years I have been in greenkeeping, 1993 must rank as the best. Having my course at Stirling in good, consistent condition throughout the season, thanks mainly to an excellent staff, was the mainstay of my year. Playing host to the Scottish Region Final of the Hayter Challenge Golf Tournament in May added to my pleasure. In August I made many new and hopefully long lasting friends at the National Tournament at Dunbar - I think it is the first time I have ever played golf for three days in a row. During the year I attended Elmwood College, every Wednesday, studying for the HNC in Golf Course Management, receiving the Carnoustie Golf Links Award, as class winner. Another Central section success was David McCowat from Charlton House Golf Hotel in Fife, who gained the National Certificate in Greenkeeping.

The highlight for me was taking over as Chairman of the Central section. Being a relative newcomer to the section means it is a great honour to be elected to this position and I hope I can help to keep the section going from strength to strength. I was Chairman of the East section in 1988-89 and so I hope my experience will be beneficial. By the way, has anyone else been Chairman of two sections? I look forward to working with John Crawford in keeping up the standard of what is regarded as a well run section. Many thanks to the past Chairman for inviting me to be his Vice-Chairman even if it was only 20 minutes prior to the AGM in 1991! Duncan has travelled the length and breadth of the country ensuring that the Central section was repre-

sented at various functions and I will endeavour to continue his example.

If anyone has any ideas for any type of social evening which you wish to see taking place either give myself or John Crawford a call. Remember we are trying to provide events in the section for you, the member.

Best wishes for '94 and I hope to meet you all during my term of office." Jim Easton, Chairman

Central section news:

Best wishes and a 'Guid New Year' to everyone in '94. It's time to start off another year and hopefully one in which the section can continue to progress. We finished '93 having the highest membership of all the Scottish sections. This is quite an achievement considering the effort being put in by the other sections to increase their membership. Long may it continue.

At the AGM on 30 November 1993 the new section committee was elected as follows: Past Chairman – Duncan Peddie, Chairman – Jim Easton, Vice-Chairman – Joe Wallace, Secretary/Treasurer – John Crawford, Head Greenkeepers– Mike Clark, Graeme Downie, Norman Woods. Assistants – Fraser McNeil, Colin Wade. Apprentice – Stuart Riggs. Trade – John Yeats, Kevin Brunton.

Our sincere thanks go to John Souter of GTI for the excellent talk and demonstration which he presented prior to the AGM and also for the most enjoyable lunch which he provided.

Thanks are due to everyone who supported the section in '93 and we look forward to meeting friends old and new in '94. Here are some dates for your diary: Tuesday 8 February: Visit to Scottish Grass Machinery in Edinburgh. Tuesday 15 March: Revisit the Monarch's Course at Gleneagles. Tuesday 26 April: Spring Tournament and Hayter Challenge Golf Tournament Qualifier at Monifeith Golf Club. Tuesday 4 October: Autumn Tournament at Braehead Golf Club. This list will be added to as events are arranged.



If you have any news, views or reviews you wish included in the section news, just post it to me and I'll make sure you see your efforts in print!

JOHN CRAWFORD

EAST OF ENGLAND

A happy New Year to all section members and I hope you have recovered from the excesses of the festive holidays.

Although January is usually a quiet month, I am taking this opportunity to remind section members that it is still not too late to book for the Hardi Sprayers trip. Full details about the trip will be sent to all section members who have returned the appropriate slip, but here is the agenda:

Sherrif's Amenity Services/Hardi Sprayers trip – Tuesday 8 February 1994.

9.45 am – 10.00 am: Arrival and Coffee. 10.15 am: Introduction to Sherrifs. 10.40 am – 12.00 noon: Introduction to Hardi UK, including: legislation, operator's obligations, machinery and equipment, retrofit systems, new developments. 12.00 noon – 1.30 pm; Lunch. 1.30



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As you can see from the agenda, this promises to be a very enjoyable and interesting trip and it is hoped that as many section members will attend as possible.

In February, all section members should be receiving a fixture card with venues and dates for all 1994 events. Hopefully we will see a few new faces joining us for these enjoyable golfing days. Don't forget if you have any news, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

MIKE FINNEY

MIDLANDS

On Wednesday, 9 February we are holding the first of two lectures to be held this winter. The first will be held at Walsall Golf Club and starts at 4pm. Dr Mike Drinkall representing DowElanco will be speaking on the work and research that goes into launching new products. Also lined up is a representative of the NRA, who will be talking about abstracting using bore hole, together with costs and legislation involved. DowElanco have kindly offered to make refreshments available for this event.

The second lecture will be held on Friday, 25 March at Telford Golf and Country Club and will start at 2pm. Hardi Sprayers will be one of our topics when they will be talking on general application and dealing with fault finding. Bob Pilsbury from Alexanders has also offered his services and will be speaking on diesel engines and some of the pitfalls to avoid.

Finally, I have to tell everyone that little Amy Nonn, who has been in our thoughts since playing golf at Kidderminster last year, has sadly lost her battle with life and died on Sunday, 21 November. We send our condolences to all family and friends.

DEAN CLEAVER



SCOTTISH REGION

The Scottish region had their annual lunch with their patrons at Cawder in December and this year saw the first presentations of what is hoped to be annual Patron's Awards. These are presented to the member from each section deemed to have been most supportive of his Association during the year. These first awards were made as follows:

Ayrshire: Ian Mcnab (Dumfries and County); Central: Colin Wade (Haggs Castle); East: Willie Blair (Kingsknowe); North: Paul Murphy (Caird Park); West: David Gall (Cardross).

ELLIOTT SMALL

SURREY

Our first winter lecture of the season attracted over 30 members to Walton Heath Artisans Club where David White gave an excellent presentation, including a slide show, reflecting his visits to Augusta for the Masters. It was particularly interesting to see the course maintenance facilities and also pictures of the Par 3 golf course. Thanks went to David, to Walton Heath Artisans for having us and to Ted Bond for pouring the beer!

There is a winter lecture planned for February so please contact a committee member if you are unsure of arrangements. Forthcoming fixtures also include the regional Gentlemen's Dinner at Walton Heath Golf Club on 11 March.

One of our members sadly died on 27 November (writes Terry Huntley). Hughie MacGillivray was course manager at Fulwell GC. He leaves a wife, Angela, and two children.

Hughie had an illustrious career in his earlier days, having held the posts of course foreman on the Old Course at St Andrews and course manager at Sunningdale, before moving on to Worthing and latterley Fulwell.

Hughie was very active in various greenkeeping associations over the years and his efforts are remembered by all of us in the Surrey section, of which Hughie was a founder member. He was without doubt a true gentleman and will be sorely missed. Our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.

ROGER TYDEMAN

MID ANGLIA

Things are fairly quiet at the moment through the section, although we have one or two events of interest

coming up. The 11th of this month sees a talk from Symbio, a company developing a new, exciting product aimed at reducing thatch and using the organic matter available for uptake of the grass. This will be held at the Family Golf Centre Gravely, near Stevenage at 2pm.

Next month sees a first aid course being held at the same venue on the eighth. Places may still be available, so please contact Gerald Bruce if you wish to attend (all

day course, lunch included).



I look forward to seeing section members at the BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition at Harrogate later this month, I'm sure it will be another successful programme of events.

PAUL LOCKETT

CLEVELAND

Result of Cleveland vs North East Section: North East won at Seaton Carew, the course being in superb condition for early November. Alec Russell of Middlesbrough Golf Club drove off the first tee straight through the windscreen of a Par 4 Irrigation service van. Have you paid the bill yet, Alec?

Gary Munro, apart from being elected as our new Secretary, is promoted to Course Manager at Bedale Golf Club and his contact telephone numbers are, home: 0642 785195, work: 0677 425357. Keith Lough, our new Treasurer, is Head Greenkeeper at Beamish Golf Club. Roger Shaw stands down from Secretary/Treasurer after years of sterling work. Regional representative continues to be Ian Holoran, a dedicated BIGGA man who is proving his worth at Middlesbrough Municipal Golf club. A big welcome goes to two new committee members, Philip Walshaw of Saltburn Golf Club and Bob Lawton of South Shields Golf Club.

Our speaker following the AGM was Neil Baldwin, ex-STRI now Service Chemicals, whose talk was helpful to our future greens management and with new products to follow it should be an exciting period.

Our attendance of 28 is a record per meeting. Congratulations and thanks to all 79 members.

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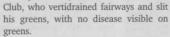
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distributor, Brian Skeen of Billingham and Toro's new distributor, Dick Lawson of Darlington. Graham Pyle has moved from Chester Le Street to Burton on Trent. Barry Lee is new Head Greenkeeper at Chester Le Street. Kevin Heslop is the new Head Greenkeeper at Brancepeth Castle Golf Club.

Three golf clubs within the section celebrate their centenaries in 1994 – Bedale, Saltburn and Bishop Auckland.

Congratulations go to Tony Smith at Teeside Golf



Our spring tournament is to be at Dinsdale Spa Golf Club on 12 May.

BRUCE BURNELL

SHEFFIELD

The first item report in this my first month of writing Sheffield's section news, is that our section Secretary Jane Ryan will be stepping down as she feels she can no longer commit herself to this position due to changing jobs. I would like, on behalf of the section, to thank Jane for all the hard work she has put into the Secretary's job. All the best to Jane and husband Paul in their new jobs and for the future. Also stepping down will be our Chairman, Ron Graham. Thanks to Ron for all the time and hard work he has put in to being an excellent Chairman. A new Chairman and Secretary will be voted in at the AGM.

There will be a trip to the John Deere factory on Wednesday 16 February, free of charge but limited to 25 people on a first come first served basis. If you're interested, get in touch with D Milbourne. Another trip is being planned to the Ransomes factory at Ipswich on 22/23 March, which includes an overnight stay. Maximum number of places will be 20 and those interested should contact Barry Heaney. This trip is also first come first served basis and the cost will be approximately £30 payable in advance.

On behalf of the Section and somewhat belatedly, I'd like to congratulate Martin Scothern of Woolerton Park Golf Club on his outstanding performance in the Hayter Final at Sandmoor Golf Club where he won the Best Gross Prize. Well done! Congratulations also to Mark Vodden of Brough Golf Club and John Lax of Worksop Golf Club – although a little late again – first to Mark with his wife Sharon who on 1 October gave birth to a 6lb 10oz Charlotte Rebecca. We wish them all the best. Well done to John who on 2 October got married to Carol . Best wishes for a happy future together.

Finally, Derek Neve would like to thank all section members who sponsored his son James on a cycle ride



from Blackpool to Bridlington. With seven others they travelled 133 miles in 8 hours 22 minutes and managed to raise over £1000 for the British Deaf Association. If anyone has any news, contact me on: 0430 441204.

IAN COLLETT

NORTH EAST

Due to heavy rain our autumn competition at South Moor had to be cancelled – the first time in our history we have had to do so.

The match against the East Lothian section this year at Goswick was won by the North East section. This again was postponed at the first date and had to be rearranged to late October. Well done the NE! It is hoped this annual match will be played once again at different courses in the near future.

Congratulations to Russ Black of Westerhope Golf Club on becoming a dad again.

Thanks go to SISIS and Parkside for the buffet after the SISIS demonstration at Gateshead Stadium, particularly as the weather was extremely cold. There was a good turnout by greenkeepers.

Thanks also go out to Rickerbys of Hexham on an excellent show and also for the buffet and free bar. This again was well attended by the local greenkeepers.

At last count we had 103 greenkeepers in the section. I'm sure this could be easily beaten in 1994 as several Head Greenkeepers are the sole member from their club. Come on lads get your assistants as members – the benefits are well worthwhile.

The Chairman and myself would like to welcome the new Head Greenkeeper, Ian Duncan at Arcot Hall Golf

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Club to the section and hope he has a long and happy stay.

Good luck to Clive Paterson on his move from Arcot Hall and his return to the Isle of Man. Congratulations to our Chairman, Richard Creane, on his new appointment as Course Manager at Burger Farm and to his exunderstudy Eddie Crozier taking over at Parklands Golfing Complex.

Congratulations also to Alistair Holmes on his new appointment at Seahouses.

There is certainly a lot of movement in the North East at the moment!

JIMMY RICHARDSON

NORTHERN

To begin with, may I wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year – and please don't forget to pay your subs as they are now due.

The visit to Supaturf and Hardi on 23 November had to be cancelled due to the fact that only four people actually phoned me and asked to go. I did make enquiries as to why the members did not wish to go on this venture. The general feeling was that firstly that it was too far and secondly that they were still too busy on the golf course, with maintenance operations and the cleaning-up of leaves.

Still on the subject of the winter programme, 10 members have put their names down for the visit to Gem Fertiliser factory on 25 January. For the visit to Martin Brothers on Tuesday 22 February, 12 members have put their names down

If you are thinking of going to any of these events don't think any longer, please let me have your name as soon as possible. Full details are in your winter programme which was sent to you by Martin Brothers. Thanks to Andy Law who represents Martin Brothers who arranged the sponsorship.

The golf venues for this year are: Bingley, St. Ives GC, Wetherby GC, Harrogate GC, Aldwoodley GC. The Roses Match venue is the pleasure of the North West section this time. Let's hope we can still retain the trophy away from home. Full details shall be sent out



Any member requiring further information, or if you have any contributions to this column, please contact me on 0274 568128

PAT MURPHY

DEVON AND CORNWALL

Happy New Year!

Torquay Golf Club was the venue for our AGM, which was held on 17 November. The morning's golf was a foursome competition for the Toro Trophy and was played over their excellently presented course which is a credit to Jack Manley and his fine team. Jack was on hand to guide our non golfing members on the customary morning course walk. After lunch the prize presentation for the Toro trophy took place with Alan Dommett of Devon Garden Machinery & Joe Turner of Lely UK presenting the prizes to;

1st J Breyley (Churston) and C Pine (Churston) 32pts on back 9; 2nd T Gooch (Torrington) and J. Manester (Teignmouth) 32pts; 3rd G.Child (Churston) and R. Minton (ICI) 31pts.

Our thanks to Alan and Joe for donating and presenting the day's prizes, and to Mr B Long, Secretary of Torquay GC and his management committee for allowing the section use of their facilities.

The section's AGM followed the golf presentation and was opened by section Chairman Bill Pile. The Secretary informed members on the breakdown of the balance sheet which shows a profit of £423.30 on last year's bal-

The Secretary thanked Chairman B Pile, Vice Chairman B Summers and President D Hunt for all their help

in continuing the success of the section and presented all three with a small gift to mark their retirement from office.

The Chairman opened his report by congratulating Laughlan Millar, head greenkeeper at the Warren GC, on reaching this year's national final of the ICI Premier Greenkeeper competition. The chairman congratulated Gordon and Marion Child and the regional board for their continued success of Westurf.

Westurf's success has enabled the region to provide members with the cheapest regional seminar in the country and the opportunity for members to visit BTME at Harrogate for under £100. To continue the success of Westurf we need members' support most of all in turning up on the day. The Chairman also reported on the success of our team in this year's Hayter Regional final and congratulated Laughlan Millar, Brian Ridgeway and Neil Macintyre who all qualified for the final.

The Chairman also informed members of the new summer tournament and workshop which will replace the guest day event.

He explained that the section's committee feels that new blood is required throughout our Association on all committees and boards and this could only start when section committees change from time to time. With this in mind your committee has drawn up a programme for replacement of current committee members. On closing, the Chairman thanked R Whyman for all his hard work in looking after the section's interests, and thanked trade members for their continued support.

The following officers were elected: Devon committee member: L Millar. Cornish committee member: S Evans. Trade member: I Brown. Chairman: J Mills. President: J Palfrey. Regional Board member: J Mills.

Venues for meetings in 1994-95: October: Dainton, November: Landhydrock AGM, December: Okehampton, January: Fingle Glen, February: Tavistock, March:

Mullion, July: Launceston.



R Mitchell reminded all Head Greenkeepers of section meeting venues that they are expected to guide non golfers around their course during the morning.

RICHARD WHYMAN

NORTH WEST

There is plenty happening on the education side in the north-west section. First, Reaseheath College are proposing on each Wednesday in February to run a series of one day courses tailored to the needs of golf courses, with health and safety in mind. These courses will include: first aid, chainsaw awareness, COSHH assessment, and safe lifting and handling. The college will require a minimum of 10 people for each course each of which will be inexpensive. For further details contact, Dennis Mortram at Reaseheath College, or Paul Pearse on 0625 859258. These courses will be run for your benefit, so please support them fully. At Myerscough College greenkeepers are most welcome to attend seminars every Thursday afternoon from 2-4pm All aspects of greenkeeping and groundsmanship will be covered by noted lecturers. On 8 March the north-west section will have a seminar at Mere Golf and County Club. The seminar will feature: course design, course construction, course maintenance, course presentation and conservation on golf courses. Further details of the seminar will be in the February edition of the magazine At the AGM, in November, 18 members attended on what must have been the worst night possible weatherwise. Freezing fog made travelling a danger and I would like to thank those who attended, and for the members who could not make it, I can assure you that the North-West section is still in good condition. All the committee volunteered to stay on for a further year except Stephen Hartshorn who had to resign due to pressure of work. The vacant position was taken by Steve Oultram from Wilmslow GC. The North-Wes committee for 1994 are: Chairman - Paul Pearse, Vice Chairman- Nigel Potter, Secretary - Bert Cross, Treasurer - Brian Moss, members - Howard McAddey, Bil



Merritt, Chris Sheehan and Steve Oultram. I still require some venues for the 1994 tournaments, so if you can accommodate us, please contact me on 051 724 5412.

BERT CROSS

NORTH WALES

First off, on behalf of your committee, I would like to take this opportunity of wishing every member of the North Wales section a happy and prosperous New Year.

Unfortunately the month of November was not too busy regarding section notes, so not a lot to report.

Congratulations to Mike Turner on his promotion to assistant Head, and also to Aled Hughes of Porthmadog Golf Club for his contribution to yet another win by the greenkeepers in the Kubota Challenge, (oh, by the way Aled, the jacket looked very well on you!).



We have in our section a budding one man and his dog in Gareth Williams of Porthmadog Golf Club, who recently took part in some field trials and won. Congratulations Gareth.

DAVID PROCTOR

LONDON

Happy New Year to everyone in the section and I hope that by now you have all recovered from the festivities.

The results from the turkey trot competition held at Hadley Wood GC were as follows: 1st, David Matthews, 37 points; 2nd, Donal Penn-Howard, 36 points; 3rd, Tony Dunstan, 35 points.

Well done David for an excellent score and the 18th green will be remembered for your one putt and Don's four putts! The nearest the pin prizes were won by Robert Washbrook and Bruce Walsh and the longest drive of the day was hit by Donal Penn-Howard on the 12th hole.

I would like to thank Craig Handyside and his staff for presenting the course in such fine shape and also Hadley Wood for the excellent meal and hospitality shown throughout the day. I would also like to thank the trade for all their help last year – it has been greatly appreciated. The AGM followed the meal and the election of officers were as follows: Doug Smith – Chairman; Barry Moggridge – Education and Golf events; Tony Dunstan – Education and Golf events.

I would like to thank Martin Smith for all his help over the years serving on the committee.

We are planning a trip to the London Golf Club this spring and if anyone is interested in visiting this exciting new course then please contact me as soon as possible, on 081 959 5629.



Finally, I would like to wish David Mathews from Mill Hill GC all the best with his journey around the world which starts this month, and thanks for all your help at Mill Hill.

TONY DUNSTAN

SOUTH WALES

Hangovers should be subsiding now that the New Year is underway. I hope everyone had a good Christmas and I wish you all a happy New Year.

Fixture cards will be with you shortly, if you haven't had them already.

November saw the weather turn much colder with a gradual increase in wind speed to gale force on many occasions, this slowing work down considerably on the golf course.

The only golf that was played within the section was the final of the Pro-Turf sponsored matchplay competition. Mike Jones finally overcame a stern challenge from Robert Frater to win the 36 hole final. This closely fought encounter was nip and tuck all around the Southerndown course for the first leg, but saw Mike come from three down to win on the closing hole at the Royal Porthcawl Golf Club.

Our sincere thanks to all of the golf clubs who allowed matches to take place at their courses, to the competitors, but mainly to Pro-Turf and Elwyn Thomas for sponsoring this event.

John Hinton provided last month's evening lecture at Pencoed College, giving a talk on the benefits of the Floronid range of fine turf fertilisers. Again the attendance could and should have been better for this interesting and debatable topic.

The Regional Seminar at Cannington College was again a huge success with more than 100 people in attendance. As always the quality of the speakers was exceptional and the captive audience were given plenty of food for thought. It was good to see a larger attendance from this section present at the seminar.

Our thanks must go again to Marion and Gordon

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Child for their efforts and splendid organisation.

Many thanks to Birds and Ransomes for their jointly organised trip to the Ransomes factory in Ipswich last November. It was splendidly organised by Jeff Bird and was truly fascinating and worthwhile. Our thanks also to all of those at the factory for going out of their way to make sure that a good time was had by all – nothing was too much trouble for any of them.

Spaces are still available on the coach trip to the BTME in Harrogate sponsored by our region – so come on, you lot! It's just £95 – a bargain, surely. YOU are putting this annual trip in jeopardy with your lack of interest and support!

Make sure Wednesday 27 April is scribed in your diary, for Westurf 1994 at Long Ashton Golf Club, Bristol.

Last but not least, we all wish Dennis Archer good luck with his quest to join the elite ranks of Formula

One go kart racing. Hopefully Dennis will surface unscathed having raised a great deal of money for Motability.

If you have any news or queries contact

If you have any news or queries contact me on 0792 233923.

PETER LACEY

SOUTH WEST

This is the press report that all section members have been waiting for – my last!

For those who don't know, I have stepped down as section secretary, after ten years in the post.

We have enjoyed ten years of significant development, hugely increased participation and professionalism within, not just the section, but the Association as a whole and it has been a privilege to have been part of that.

Also stepping down at the AGM was Ivor Scoones after 30 years of representing the South West at both national and regional levels. Again, it has been a privilege to have worked with Ivor.

Briefly, from the AGM, the election of officers was as follows:

Chairman – John York, Vice Chairman – Peter Cox, Secretary – Kevin Green, Match Captain – David Neale, Vice Captain – Jon Leigh, Regional Board Officer – Robin Greaves, Reserve Regional Board Officer – J Cooper, Liaison Officer – Robin Williams (subject to Cannington approval).

Membership of the section currently stands at some 212 including associate members. The bank balance was £1622.22 at 31 October. It was generally agreed that these were very healthy figures and that the section was financially secure.

Thirty one members have successfully completed the FEPA spraying certificates, 29 had gained certification in emergency first aid and 12 had successfully completed a two-day chainsaw safety course.

Trade associate members had again been most supportive of the section with several companies regularly donating prizes at competitions. Their generosity had been most welcome and effusive thanks were due in particular to Avoncrop, Roffey Bros, Rigby Taylor, Vitax, Sisis, County Mowers, TH White and Handy Garden Machinery.

The section's autumn golf tournament was held on the same day at Kingsdown Golf Club. Cold and windy at the start, I noticed Robin Greaves sheltering miserably in the lee of a small bush by the first tee, I advised him to uproot the bush and carry it around for shelter. He declined, after due consideration, saying he didn't have a spade in his bag!

Fortunately, the weather relented and some half-decent scores were returned. The final result was as follows: 1st: J Leigh (35 points; 2nd: P Thorn (33 pts on last nine); 3rd: P Godwin (33 pts); 4th: D Eves (32 pts on last nine); 5th: P Worster (32 pts); 6th: P Jones (32pts).

The course at Kingsdown was in sparkling condition, an absolute tribute to its green staff and in particular, Head Greenkeeper Mark Ford. As our chairman remarked, "Old Bill Curtis would have been proud of it." Praise indeed.

Many thanks also to Gordon Jaaback, who gave us a very precise account of the role played by the weather in our work, and the relevance of recording and forecasting.

Altogether quite a day, with many thanks to Kingsdown Golf Club for their hospitality.

Finally, let me describe a typical scene at home on a Wednesday evening. The starship "Enterprise" noses delicately into orbit around the deserted asteroid, the ruined Com-Mine station comes into sensor range. Captain Kirk paces the bridge, Mr Spock stares intently into his scanning instruments, the garish blue light illuminating his strange features. Red alert sounds, Kirk leaps back into his chair and demands a status report when he is interrupted by a strange ringing noise. Dringdring, dring-dring emanating from our hall. The kids fall about laughing, the wife doesn't even bother coming out from behind the newspaper. "It'll be for you," she says in a distracted tone, "it's always for you."

I stagger out, cursing about not switching on the telephone answering machine.

I spend the next ten minutes listening to some incredible story about lost entry forms, postal interruptions, holidays, illness, pressures of work, hungry dogs, disruptive children, unruly grandparents etc;... and is it too late to book in for the tournament tomorrow?

I return just as the theme tune plays and the credits roll.

I'm going to miss all this. A happy New Year to all our members. Beam me up, Scottie!



Further entries and communications should be addressed to Mr K Green, 13 Baytree Close, Patchway, Bristol, Avon BS12 5EU, telephone 0272 793127. PAUL WORSTER

EAST SCOTLAND

The section's AGM took place on 24 November at Kingsknowe Golf Club. Prior to the meeting we had an excellent lecture given by John Souter of Souters of Stirling; those of you who were not at the meeting missed one of the finest lectures we have had. Our grateful thanks go to John for his time and effort.

Chris Yeaman our Chairman could not take the meeting due to illness, but had a capable deputy in Peter Ormiston. Attendance was smaller than usual for some reason or another, but it was nice to see members from distant places, namely George Thomson all the way from Goswick and Mike Williamson from Galashiels.

Peter Ormiston was elected Chairman with Steve Dixon his Vice Chairman. Robert Hogarth was not standing for re-election due to change of job. Robert has decided on pastures new in the form of a sales rep with H Sheach of Kirkcaldy. No doubt we will be seeing a great deal more of him in this capacity. He was thanked for his excellent work over the years. The committee now reads: Chairman – P Ormiston, Vice-Chairman – S Dixon, Secretary – Willie Blair; and Graham Wood, Stuart Greenwood, Jimmy Neilson, Tom Murrary, Chris Yeaman and Andy Forrest.

The annual dance returned to Turnhouse Golf Club on 3 December and a great time was had by all. Our thanks go to Turnhouse for the facilities and to the catering staff for the excellent food. If anyone went away feeling empty it was their own fault as there was enough to feed an army!

The committee over the years have tried to put on various social events, such as skittles and quiz nights, but they are not being supported by the members to any great extent. We will have to look at this to find out why. It would seem that the members are looking for golf outings only. Suggestions would be welcome from any member on this subject. This is your association – tell us what you want.

The recent tournament versus the North East of England was held over Goswick GC. This resulted in a loss for the section. Don't ask me how it happened, but on the way down Tom Murray somehow lost his teeth out of the coach window. The coach returned to try and find them and would you believe it, ran over them! We are glad to say that Tom has now had them replaced.

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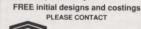
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The Secretary, Crewe Golf Club, Fields Road, Haslington, Crewe CW1 1TB

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Ashford (Kent) Golf Club

require a

HEAD GREENKEEPER

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Closing date: 24 January 1994



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Apply in writing with CV to: Mr E. Bullock, Manager, Bedford & County Golf Club, Green Lane, Clapham, Bedford MK41 6ET

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51 → all tournaments have been arranged for 1994. The spring outing will be held over Gunnane number 2 on 12 April. This of course is also the Hayter qualifier. We go to Uphall GC in the autumn. A full list of events will be available shortly.

Please remember your subscriptions are now due – you could miss out by paying them late. Why not this year endeavour to recruit at least one new member each? I am sure you all must know someone who is not a member. The Association is strong, let's make it stronger.

WILLIE BLAIR

NORTH SCOTLAND

A welcome to the section to Bruce Forsyth, (no, not that Bruce Forsyth) who has come up to be Assistant Head at Peterhead after 13 years at Gleneagles, where he worked on the Kings and Queens courses. Bruce also attended Elmwood College.

The section AGM took place, with thanks to Nairn Dunbar GC, at the end of November. During a week of terrible weather it was heartening to see 24 worthy souls make the journey through frost and snow to attend. After our coffee a convoy of cars took us out to view the new holes, which our sponsor for the day, Souters Sportsturf, had constructed. They are superb and I can't wait until they are open for play later this year. The short par three, 129 yards, is a beauty but beware the deep bunker in front of the green, go in it and a three will be hard to get.

We then moved inside to the warmth for a very informative talk by John Souter on rootzones for tees and greens and then a look at some great slides of golf courses around the world. After lunch 15 brave men ventured out into the mist and frost for nine holes to contest the annual Chairman versus Vice-Chairman match. The more sensible settled things on the pool table! The end result was a tie, so two matches of dominoes were played and Chairman Sam's team triumphed. The AGM passed smoothly ending with the final 1993 200 Club draws, the winners of which are as follows: September £30 no. 109 - Elliot Small, Kincardine. October £30 no. 167 - David Henderson, Ardgay. November £40 no. 94 - Jim McCormack, Kirriemuir. December £100 no. 51 - Steven Frost, Aberdeen. The two £150 education grants were won by no. 103 John Milne, Elgin and 141 Eric Pickard, Ellon. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets. 1994 tickets will be out soon and I hope you will support the section again this year. If anyone does not want their ticket then please send it back immediately. Unfortunately last year we were let down by six members who said they would buy but never paid and it cost us unnecessary time and money in letters and phone calls. Eventually we had to sell them at a reduced price after the first four draws,

To remind members, the section library has the following books available: Turf Management for Golf Courses by James Beard, Turf Management Handbook by Freeborg, Golf Course Presentation by John Hacker and George Shiels, All Year Round Golf by Jim Arthur, Greenkeeper Training Manual, COSHH Pesticide Regulation Books, and Greenkeeping by John Campbell. Phone me on 0862 894402 or Gordon Moir on 0334

74021. All donations to the library gratefully received.



Finally, I hope to see as many North members as possible at Harrogate this month for what I'm sure will be a great week.

IAIN MACLEOD

SUSSEX

How time flies! It only seems like yesterday that we

Around the Green



were playing the links at Littlehampton GC for our annual turkey trot. With another year passed, 59 brave guys and one brave lass weathered the worst storms since the '87 hurricane and what better place to be battered by 70mph winds than by the sea in Littlehampton!

Once again Dave and the boys did a grand job in preparing the course and setting up the alcohol and mince pies at the halfway stage.

The morning started well at 8.30am with a cooked breakfast and coffee, with the first teams teeing off at 9.45

The format was the ever popular Texas scramble and considering the appalling conditions, the teams of four all came in with respectable scores.

The results were as follows: 1st: C Allen, M Ring, P Wright, C Tate. 2nd: M Chalmers, M Dale, T Collier, L Bennett. 3rd: P Ray, J Warner, P Wright, C Tate. 4th: W Francis, D Lawlor, D Haste. 5th: G Barr, P Negus, T Junes, E Docherty. Nearest the pin(s): Chris Allen, Jon Budd, Duncan Haste and P Dunbar. Longest drive(s): Raymond Day and M Saunders.

The day was rounded off with a superb turkey dinner with all the trimmings, prepared by the caterers of Littlehampton GC. The prizegiving and raffle were presented by the comedy double act of Barr and Day (I think this is going to be a regular spot lads!) with impromptu comedy routines by Brian Gazard and the captain of the club. The prize giving and raffle took just over an hour and a half, which is not surprising considering that nearly 200 bottles of wine and spirits were handed out!

The section would like to thank the captain and committee of Littlehampton GC for allowing courtesy of the course, to the caterers and bar staff and last but not least to Dave Wood and his boys for the preparation of the course. Once again a memorable day was had by all and it is on this note, that at the last AGM, the committee decided that in order to "qualify" to enter the 1994 turkey trot, members have to play in at least one of the other three tournaments played throughout the year – so get your entries in for the spring meeting which will be held at Willingdon GC on 28 April.

It was nice to see Andy Fillery, over from his course in Norway, playing, and it was mooted that Andy is exempt from having to "qualify" for next year's Christmas competition as it's just a bit too far to come each

It is with sadness that I have to report the sudden and untimely death of Hugh MacGillivray.

Hugh was a past member of the Sussex section and a founder member of EIGGA. Hugh was best known for his role as course manager at Worthing GC before leaving to join Fulwell in 1992. Although dogged by ill health, in 1990 he overcame those problems to continue an active lifestyle outside the golf course, namely pursuing canoeing, sailing and rock climbing. Our condolences go out to his wife, Angela, and his two children Kirstie and Louis.

On a happier note, congratulations to Alan Butry-movicz and his wife on their marriage last October.

Finally, with legislations as they are concerning

health and safety, George Barr is organising three separate first aid courses at Ham Manor Golf Club. Eac module will consist of 15 participants and the cost of each session will be £25, which will include lunch an certification (if you pass!). Further details will be available shortly. Happy New Year!

MARK WILTON

SOUTH WEST AND SOUTH WALES REGION

The South West and South Wales regional seminar a Cannington College on November 23 turned out to be another arctic expedition for some members. Winto wonderland came early to Somerset and looking out to the window, one almost expected the reindeers to appear. All but a few delegates arrived to enjoy a ver full and successful day.

We thank our speakers for braving the elements an giving us an educational treat, also our sponsors, Rigb Taylor for their support. It must have been gratifying for them to see, along with students, 150 delegates present

The day opened with Kerran Daly's paper on th "Taking of the Master Greenkeeper Certificate", followed by HND student Graham Martin on his views of greenkeeping from a student's point of view. No-on would have known that this was Graham's first paper a measure of his fine delivery.

After a break for coffee, the excellent start was main tained by Hugh Murray, Head Greenkeeper at Canning ton College, who spoke about the maintenance of " Training Golf Course". He fully justified the region's po icy of introducing first time speakers. The final speake of the morning was Barry Cooper, who somehow make a talk on drainage very interesting. After a lively que tion time, lunch was served.

The afternoon session was always going to be informative with an excellent paper on The Belfry, which habecome known in recent years as the home of the Ryde Cup. Derek Ganning's first class description of the wor of his team in the preparation of major events keep everyone awake – a no mean feat after a lunch break!

Last but certainly not least was Derek Green, Cours Manager at Royal Liverpool Golf Club. He had an amusing twist to Dry Patch, interspersed by the inevitable steam engine story. This was followed by questions.

The day was closed by Huw Parry, who presente Ivor Scoones, the retiring Regional Chairman, with clock barometer for his services to the region. In hi closing of the seminar Huw gave thanks to everyon concerned.

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March 8: Scottish Region Annual Conference,

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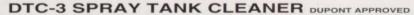
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